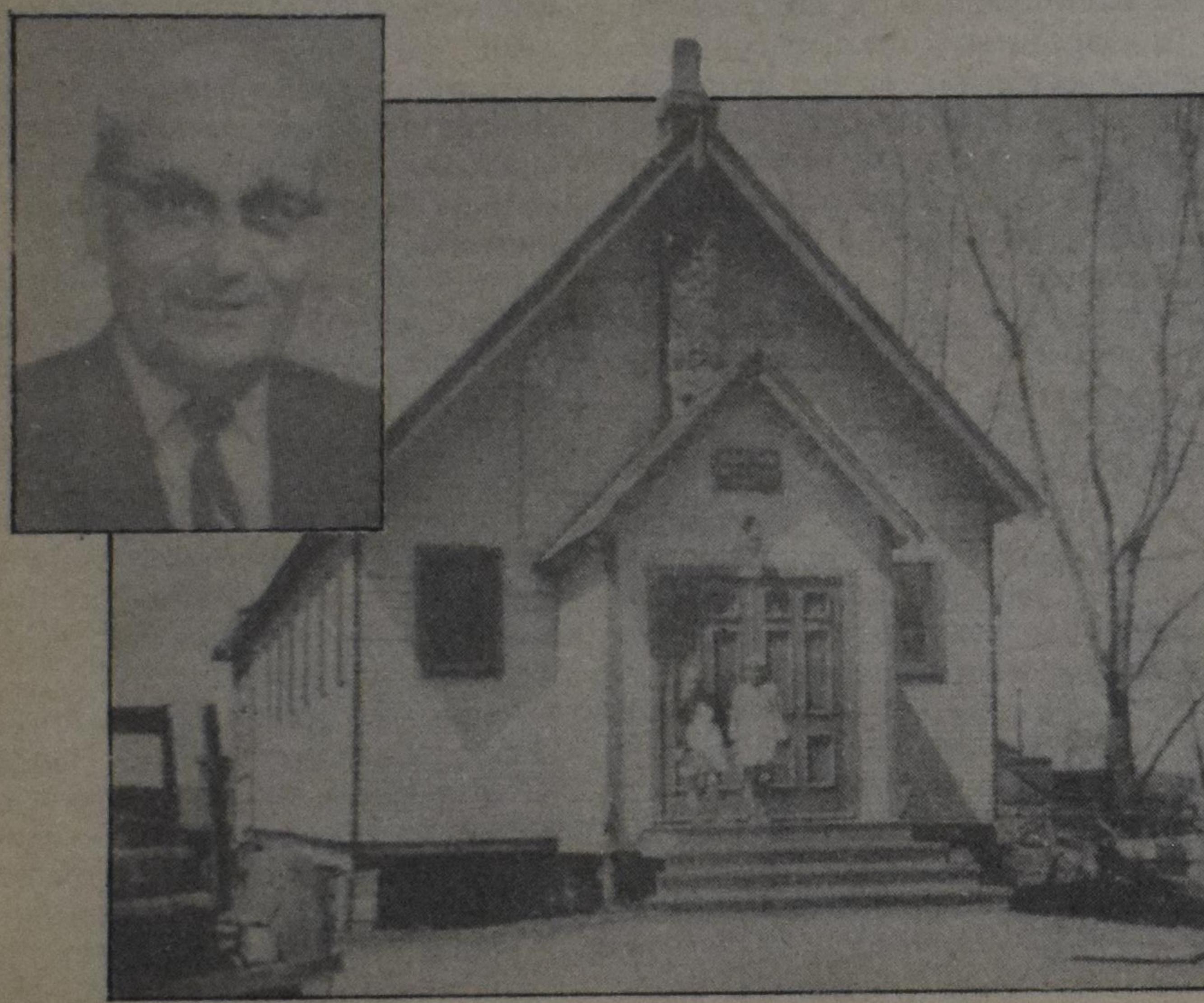


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The oldest Christian School (CSI) in Canada celebrates 40 years!



On February 15, 1943 the grand opening of the first Christian School (CSI) in Ontario took place. The one-room school (an enlarged consistory room in the Holland Marsh CRC, pictured above) housed about 20 pupils ranging over 8 grades. Inset: The first principal, Mr. J.W. Uitvlugt.

Bert Witvoet

While many Christian schools celebrate their 25th anniversary these years, there is a Christian school that deserves special attention. It's the first-born of the Reformed family of schools in Canada. The rest of the family has plenty of reason to sing "happy birthday, dear sister."

A visit to the School in 1983 does not produce a feeling of a middle-aged educational institution complaining of aching structures and rheumatic teachers. The staff is young, with Hank Vandervecht (in his thirties) leading the

pack. The School has just recently added four new classrooms, staffroom, offices and a large gymnasium that will be the pride of the community.

There is an additional reason for the "new feeling" at the School. Three school societies finally accomplished amalgamation, after more than 10 years of discussions.

Holland Marsh, Newmarket and Springdale put everything together to form this regenerated version of a 40-year old School.

On pages ... we let the various representatives of the Holland Marsh District Christian School speak about their School.

Christians arrested, churches destroyed in India

JORHAT, Assam, India (EP) - A third-year student at Eastern Theological College, Shri Mankai Wangsu, was arrested under the government's freedom of religion regulation law here recently, according to Missionary News Service. While visiting his home in Chopsa, Arunachal Pradesh, he and two leaders of a local church were summoned to appear before a local magistrate.

The charges were that Mankai had given rice, money and clothes to villagers to get them to convert to Christianity. They were sentenced to fines or jail terms, 10 to 15 days. They refused to pay the fines and were jailed.

In prison, the three men prayed and sang hymns. After four days they were released. At a college chapel service afterwards, Mankai explained that he did not pay the fine because it would have been an admission that he had tried to win people to Christ by inducement and fraud.

Other cases of arrest and harassment have also been reported from Arunachal Pradesh. Three Chris-

tians of the Noete tribe were imprisoned at Khonsa. No reason was given for their detention. A group of 100 Christians from Muktoa filed a bail petition at Khonsa on behalf of the prisoners, but it was rejected. Instead, authorities sought to get the believers to tear down the church at Moktoa by withholding their rations of rice and salt. The Christians refused and their church was destroyed, according to Missionary News Service.

A group of 19 Christian youth leaders went to New Delhi to protest the "harassment and persecution" of the 20,000 Christians in the north-eastern territory. They cited the arrests of Christians and the demolishing of churches. One of the arrests came for distributing pictures of Jesus.

A belated credit

The pen and ink drawing of the Cup of Salvation, Grapes of Wrath in the Easter issue of April 1 was done by artist George Langbroek of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Hunger Fund can do more

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - The World Relief Committee and the World Missions of the Christian Reformed Church will bring a recommendation to the 1983 Synod that up to \$500,000 of the CRC's Special Hunger Fund be spent for various short-term hunger relief projects around the world.

A second recommendation asks that both agencies investigate the possibility of a second long-term hunger project in a country other than Sierra Leone.

The Special Hunger Fund has generated a surplus of more than \$900,000 over the four years of its existence. The reasons for this are mentioned in a news release as follows:

- 1) The generosity of Christian people in giving more than was projected early in the program;
- 2) The devaluation of Sierra Leone's currency, giving the dollar more buying power;
- 3) The slower-than-expected development of the Sierra Leone project (due to several factors, including staffing

delays and perhaps unrealistic expectations;

4) Synod's restriction of the Fund to the Sierra Leone project and hunger education alone.

The two agencies don't want to see a cutback in giving to this fund, however. If Synod accepts their recommendations there will be more flexibility for fighting hunger and the reserve will diminish.

There will be an immense need for a long time to come, the agencies predict. The World Bank estimates that one billion people live in "absolute" poverty, having only one or two meals a day of unvarying fare, a hut or a lean-to for shelter, and one or two sets of clothing. 40,000 children still die every day from malnutrition.

Since the World Hunger Fund depends upon personal gifts and freewill offerings (not quotas), the agencies hope that the generosity of Christians will not diminish over the coming years.

Of course — they used straw!

C.C. staff

An article appeared in one of Canada's leading newspapers entitled "Did history's master builders know more than we thought?" The author, Joseph Davidovits, referred to new technology showing that Egyptians probably used plant extracts to help cast, in wooden moulds, the blocks that formed such structures as the great pyramids.

Writes one letter writer to the periodi-

cal, Principal of the Scarborough Christian School K. Davies, "The Bible has long since beaten Davidovits to this discovery. In the Book of Exodus there are eight references to the way the Israelites - at that time acting as slave builders in Egypt - did not hew stones but cast blocks, using straw as an essential plant mineral for their process."

Perhaps scientists should take the Bible more seriously when doing archaeological research.

Amish say building permits threat to their religion

WOOSTER, Ohio (EP) - Government and religion are clashing in Wayne County, Ohio - and neither side plans to give in.

Members of the Old Order Amish Sect are building their homes without the county's \$55 building permits. Getting the permits would violate their religion, they say. But obtaining a permit and allowing an inspection of the home is law.

The fight may cost Henry Hershberger 15 of his 17 Holstein cows. The county

plans to auction them off to collect \$4,720 he owes on a \$5,000 fine for refusing to get a permit. The county gave him \$280 credit for two weeks spent in jail.

Wayne County, with a population of 97,200 has 225 Amish families of the Old Order sect which has 85,667 members nationwide. Some have complied with the law. Rehm says the Hershberger auction could be avoided and the fine suspended if he'd let the county inspect his property.



Waterfowl in Stanley Park, Vancouver enjoy the early spring ... so they can snap at the hands that feed them.

Viewpoint

When you're a young Christian and the world seems so tempting ...

The noon bell rang at Christian High. Today the students were having what became known as a "long lunch" - one 90-minute break which divided up their rotation schedule.

Most of the students headed to the cafeteria, intent on devouring their home-made lunches and then studying for a while. It proved to be a good opportunity for them to catch up on some extra reading.

Bob and Nancy had their lockers beside each other. It was Bob's turn to bring the booze. He pulled out a small thermos - enough to hold his micky of gin. Arm in arm they walked out the side door and casually walked across the football field to a spot near a stately maple tree. The Spring sun was warm.

A carload of guys piled into Ted's beat-up Vega. They had finished their lunches by the time Ted drove into the hotel parking lot. The sign flashed: Three Girls. Live. They made a mad dash to the side entrance and felt safe once inside. They ordered a round of draft while they were waiting for the show to start. They still had an hour before the afternoon classes would begin.

Three guys and three girls hopped into Andy's big Buick. An Officer and A Gentleman was playing at the local theatre. Today they (thankfully) had a



Keith Knight
Editorial

matinee. It would mean they would miss the first 15 minutes of their afternoon class but that was alright. It was only history. They had heard from their friends that "An Officer" was a love story. All three couples had been dating for four months. The couples had become good friends and they discussed their intimacies freely.

Undeniably, this is *not* your typical lunch time at your average Christian high school. But these instances do happen, if not during lunch then in the evenings. To use Victorian jargon, the ways of the World do tempt us. More significant in the 1980s is the fact that the World seems to be winning more and more often.

Young people seem unable to discern

between good and evil. And little wonder! Their parents are caught in the same dilemma. When Moms and Dads devour their alcohol as though it was lemonade, kids are soon to follow. When Mom condones the sexual norms of TV soaps (even if she does so unwittingly), then the children, too, learn that promiscuity isn't all that bad.

When Mom and Dad take in an evening movie (even though it might be labelled "good"), then the children, too, are attracted to the theatre. But while parents are able to discern between a good and a bad show, many young people are not.

Who is to blame for the immorality which runs rampant among us? How many parents don't send their children to a Christian school "to straighten them out," realizing full well that the straightening out should actually be done by the parents, not the school?

Do we blame our schools? Our parents? Society? Our church?

We could blame the Church for not being a strong supporting community. We should blame ourselves, whether we are young men or women or parents. We know better.

The moral decay within our own lives, I believe, stems in part from overconfidence in our Kuyperian approach to re-

ligion. We dread restrictions, we fear living by rules. We are firmly convinced that every aspect of society can be "redeemed" for God's glory.

We have done that with the dance and with various other forms of entertainment.

As we are challenged to make wise choices in our lives, we do fall time and again. Our lack of prudence has resulted in us being both in the world and of the world.

Our lives demand that we not only struggle with today's social problems but more significantly that we as parents, as young people, and as Church firmly denounce those facets of life which are so blatantly wrong.

For too long we have been fearful of thinking for ourselves, preferring instead to wait for a synodical ruling and then to pounce upon that decision with Calvinistic fervor.

Parents: be good examples for your children. Live Christlike lives. That may mean making unpopular decisions with regard to TV and movie-watching, alcohol, discipline. Your children are your responsibility, not the school's.

Young people: Learn to say "No" more often at the risk of being ridiculed; no to alcohol and no to promiscuity (including movies).

Sounds of spring have returned to the garden

I heard my first robin on Tuesday evening, March 15 this year.

It was sitting in one of the neighbour's trees and its song was unmistakably that of the *turdus migratorius* (my apologies for the rather awkward sounding Latin classification of the robin).

Anyway, what I was trying to say is that one season of winter, however mild, did not erase the memory of that "cheerily-cheerily" song that I associate with the robin.

I couldn't find the singer with my eyes. Dusk provided it with a protective screen. Besides, it was time to go in for supper. At moments like that you struggle a bit as you weigh the hunger of your family against your own hunger to see that first robin of the year.

For the past fourteen years I have kept a record of the days I spot the first robin in our immediate area. The earliest has been March 15, as it was this year, the latest March 30. But the average curiously enough turns out to be exactly March 21. Different places in Canada will have different averages, but just north of Lake Ontario it seems to coincide beautifully with the official first day of spring.

No wonder that for me robins are the real harbingers of spring. Not that they are the first birds to arrive from the



Bert Witvoet
Sweet and Sour

south. Grackles and other blackbirds precede them by days or weeks.

But grackles and blackbirds don't seem to spend as much time running across lawns as robins do. Maybe that too is why I identify more with the rusty-breasted wormpickers.

Their song is much to be preferred to the sorry excuse for a melody emitted by the blackbird tribe. Although I must admit a certain attachment to the gurgling "konk-la-reeeee" of the red-wing blackbird.

I have never become very fond of grackles. They usually nest in our driveway spruces, building big, sloppy contraptions near the top. That's one thing.

The next thing I don't care for is that they have a habit of leaving their calling cards on the car or picnic table. Since grackles socialize a lot, to the point of

allowing other grackles to nest in neighbouring spruces, it's hard to avoid their acid rain.

But their most undesirable trait, in my eyes, is their habit of pestering other birds.

I still recall the Sunday evening some thirteen years ago when my wife and I heard a terrible racket in the backyard. Birds were screeching and cawing, as if the Sabbath had gone out of style. We ran out to see what was going on.

A pair of blue jays which had a nest in a clump of cedars behind the house were beset on all sides by a troupe of beady-eyed grackles. In spite of valiant efforts on the part of the blue jays to protect their young, the outcome of the battle had already been decided. The nest with young had been torn apart and remnants were spread out over branches and the ground below.

The years following I tried to keep the grackles from nesting in trees on our lot. I would scare them away with loud noises, I would pull down their nests, and even went so far as to shoot them with a pellet gun.

Eventually I lost my appetite for that sort of thing. I decided to let nature take its own cruel course. It wasn't as if a species was threatened by the grackles. At least, the blue jay popula-

tion has not diminished around our house.

I learned to accept the grackles with more grace. I find them comical as they go through courting procedures, by puffing up as they emit sounds that make you think more of a creaking door hinge than of love. (I suppose many an expression of human love can be associated with a creaking door hinge too).

I like the variety of birds that come to our garden. If I see too many grackles I simply switch my mind to the gentle mourning doves that must be the first every year to build a nest and hatch out eggs. There's a pair in the spruce near our backdoor that have been at it for two weeks by now.

The thing that really fascinates me about birds is their song. I'm not only thinking of the pleasant sound (scratch grackles from this category), but I'm thinking of the reason for their song.

I think birds sing for the pure joy and praise of it all. They are the best evidence I know that God is the creator of all things.

Birds know something many people have forgotten: they begin the day with praise and they end it that way. Whatever lies between their mornings and evenings cannot but be blessed.

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Letters

We must see God in the stars

P Reading the letter of Mr. Van Sorge (C.C., Feb. 25) on astrology I want to write him a few things about it.

The wisemen and their star was nothing special, but God was. He made use of their superstition (astrology) to provide the holy family with the funds they needed for their stay in Egypt. We know from the offering they gave in the temple when Jesus was circumcised that they were poor.

Later on in life, when Christ needs money to pay His taxes, God directs a fish to pick up a ring and get it to a fishing disciple. Both instances are the same. God makes use of natural means to bring about His will.

As far as the heavenly bodies are concerned, we are to see God in them. Habakkuk 3 speaks of the planet, star or comet coming from the direction of Paran and devastating the land through its gravitational pull, as God.

If we fail to see God in the heavenly bodies, they become objects that spell doom. Like a swinging pendulum their movements hypnotize and make us fearful. To some people they become so intimidating that they are afraid to make a trip, do business on certain times. People like that are already hiding in caves and under mountains for fear of the things in the heavens.

Surely, the heavenly bodies are used by God to bring calm on the earth and also to deliver His

people, but in themselves they are nothing.

Secondly, Mr. Van Sorge mentions Daniel. The reason Daniel did not condemn the king's astrologers is because they formed part of the king's government. Kings, governments are instituted by God because of the depravity of men, the Belgic Confession reads. Governments are therefore to be respected.

By becoming head over the king's astrologers Daniel did no

wrong. He was different from them, however, in that in him was the Spirit of the Holy God, the God of Israel. The others had their dreams and information from the fallen angel. The King of Persia, he is called in Daniel, and elsewhere, the god of this world.

We, on the other hand, have received from God on Pentecost day the Spirit Daniel had. Through it we dream the dreams that lead us into eternal life.

J. Vandenberg,
Burlington, Ont.



Allegorical report unfair to CRC

PI cannot escape the feeling that *Calvinist Contact* lent itself to publish a bit of slander when it printed "Courtcase '83". It has all the earmarks of a somewhat vicious attack on the Christian Reformed Church.

I readily admit that the C.R.C. is not above criticism; it never was, and never will be, prior to Christ's return. The church indeed needs honest criticism.

But God is not honoured by this piece of writing of Coby Veenstra-Van Duyvenvoorde. The disappointment about not getting the hearing that is desired for one's views should not lead to a malicious evaluation of the church's treatment of dissent.

Shame on the writer, and shame on you, Mr. Editor, for printing it.

A.A. Van Geest,

Trenton, Ont.

(We thought the article was directed against a Communist Revolutionary Cult. Ed.)

Judy Cook's writing just great

PWe found Mrs. Judy Cook's balanced writing in C.C. (Feb. 25) about the Charismatic Movement great. All we can say in response is: Amen!

Henk and Nien Woudstra,
Aylmer, Ont.

Tradition better than the new

PPastor Biesheuvel is quite sure tradition has to go. How sad to read these lines from one who calls himself "Pastor" of the CRC (Church Page, C.C., Jan. 21).

It is tradition which gives pastor Biesheuvel his job and pays his salary.

We beg to differ greatly with the writer about tradition and its implications for our Christian lives.

We belonged in the seventies to a CRC which was traditional in its practice and teaching. It was a joy to worship the Lord in that setting even when new and different things happened.

We left that church because tradition became a dirty word. The "new" was never new enough, and the preaching became shallower and shallower, all for the sake of keeping up with the changing times.

Maybe we should go back to those years of the fifties when marriage (tradition) was looked upon as something lasting, "till death do us part," when family life

(tradition) was practised, and when worshipping the Lord in church (tradition) was not a social gathering and self-worshipping.

It might well be that with "tradition" we left our first "love" as described in the letter to the church of Ephesus.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Willemsen,
Calgary, Alta.

Artwork enhances our worship

PI am writing this in response to a letter which appeared in the March 4 issue of C.C. Even though I respect the attitude of this particular person concerning artwork in the sanctuary, I feel I must oppose the reason behind these feelings. I believe artwork, especially banners, add tremen-

dously to the worship service.

For most people, they are far from being a distraction, but on the contrary, provide added glory and praise which we give to our Lord.

The artwork is not meant to "replace the Bible" but to enhance our worship to our Lord and Saviour.

Sharon Broersma,
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A coincidental mistake

PEnclosed picture in *Calvinist Contact* (Feb. 25) carried the caption "Cutting and selling firewood near Clute, Ontario is how the Wymas spent part of their first years in Canada." It was supposed to have been sent in by Mrs. Wyma.

I recognized my husband and son in the picture. I phoned my son to ask if he had sent in the picture. It turned out that he had. It was taken in the woods in Nova Scotia.

The Wymas lived in Cochrane

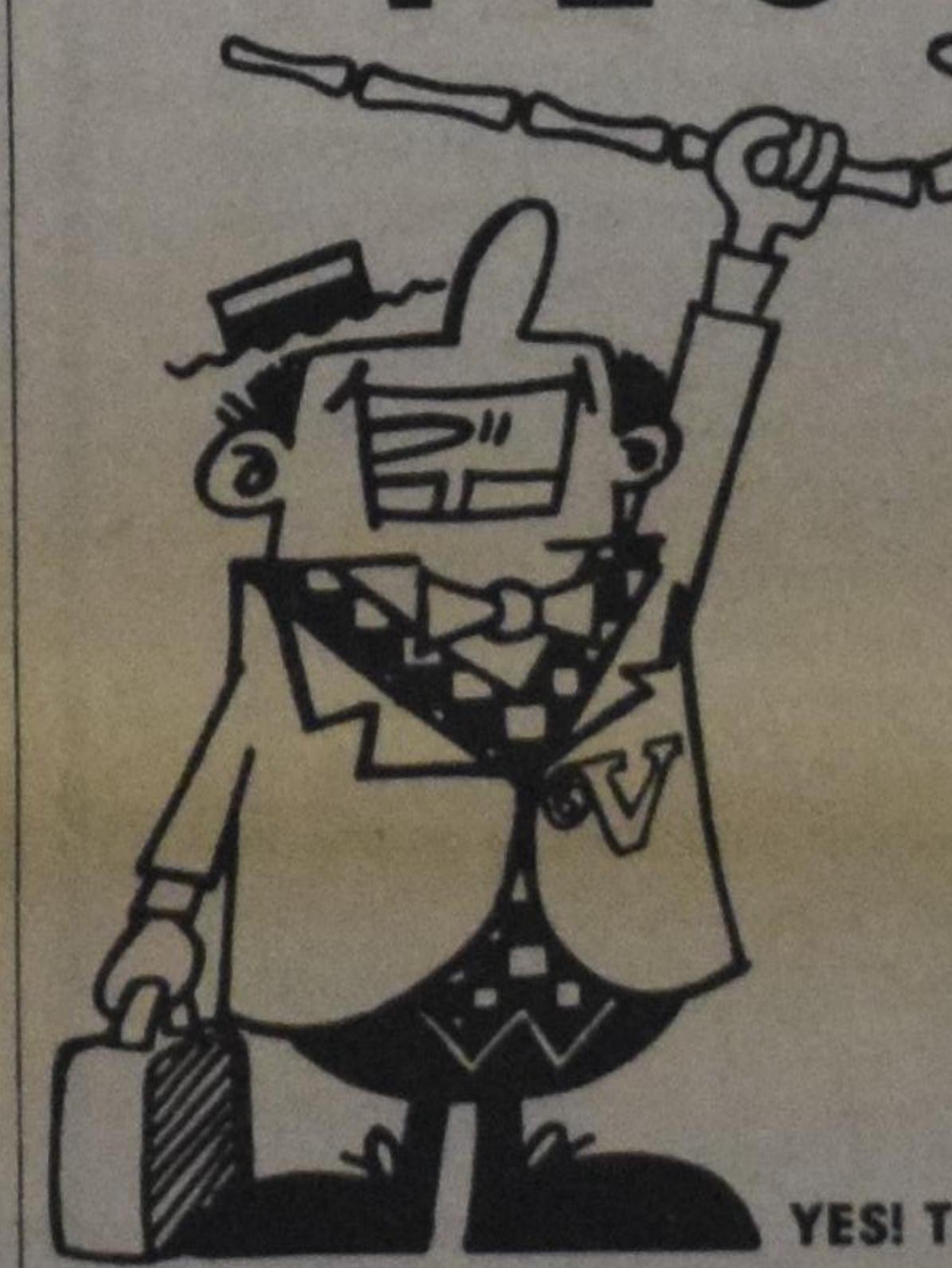
then and came from the same village in Holland as we did. But we had no correspondence with them.

I suspect that your paper made a mistake?

Mrs. Hilda ledema,
Trinity Tower, Brampton, Ont.

Eh ... yes ... we think we did. "Cutting and selling firewood in Nova Scotia is how John ledema and his son spent part of their first years in Canada? Okay, Mrs. ledema? Ed.

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The office of elder

To be an officebearer in church: Is it a calling of the Lord? As uneducated people we sometimes find that hard to accept. When you saw your name on the list for elder (or deacon) you were probably shocked and surprised and you said to yourself: I'm not the right person for that office. Aren't we all like Moses? When he was called to lead God's people out of Egypt, Moses said: "Lord, I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue." And the Lord said to Moses: "Who has made man's mouth?"

Pastoral Pondering.

Youth pastor's mini-series

It is no secret that the family is falling apart all around us. The extended family and its comfortable contact with several generations is becoming something of the past. Even the nuclear family of father, mother, and children is in rapid decline. Between one fifth and one-sixth of all children in North America live in one-parent homes. The number of working mothers is soaring.

Where does the church fit into this picture? An essential ministry of the church is to train and equip parents to do the work to which God has called them. And the work God has called parents to is that of training family members to live fruitfully in home, church and society. Biblically and practically, the local congregation/church remains the greatest ally of the home.

The New Testament gives specific instruction regarding education in the church and the home. The Old Testament strategy of Deuteronomy 6:6-8 has never been counterminded in the New Testament. Parents are responsible for the training of their children. It is the responsibility and privilege of the church to provide parents and families with instruction and encouragement.

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Now, therefore, go and I will be with your mouth."

By nature none of us is fully equipped for the task. We must learn to depend on God and our Lord Jesus Christ whose grace will be sufficient for us all. We must pray that God will work through us. There are of course a few things that we can do to equip ourselves: we can pray and we can develop good Bible reading and study the doctrines of the church.

It is the Lord who calls us to our office. We speak of its requirements: confessing male members of the church of Christ must meet the requirements as they are given to us in I Timothy 3:1-7.

Press Parade

Moreover, the elders must count it a privilege to be chosen to serve in the Lord's vineyard. Let those elected to office remember especially the words of our Lord Jesus in Luke 22:26:

"Let he that is the greater among you become as the younger and he that is leader as one who serves." Elders must assume the solemn obligations to perform the functions of their office; they must be willing to admonish, to visit the wayward, to watch over the families of the church and, in general, tend the flock of God.

The consistory must lead the congregation. It is especially important that good relations exist among the various offices and members of the congregation, working together harmoniously as elders, deacons and church members in all things unto him who is the head, Jesus Christ.

The tendency among us to regard only the ministers of the Word as the undershepherds of Jesus Christ is wrong. The office bearers and minister together must be regarded as shepherds of the flock under Christ.

Perhaps the best way to realize this is to look at the responsibility assigned to elders in article 65 of the Church Order which reads: "Pastoral care shall be exercised over all members of the congregation. The minister of the Word and the elders shall conduct annual home visitation and faithfully visit the sick, the distressed, the shut-ins and the erring. They shall encourage the members to live by faith, comfort them in adversity and warn

them against errors in doctrine and life."

Home visitation, or family visiting as it is commonly called, is the official visit to the homes of members of the congregation by the minister and an elder or by two elders. This visit is intended to help the consistory feel the spiritual life and need of the congregation and to minister to these needs accordingly.

In family visitation it is well to start right away with prayer and the reading of a portion of scripture. If you don't do this, there is a great danger that you will be led astray in a discussion on entirely different subjects.

Sick visits are usually appreciated, especially by those who are hospitalized. Visits to the home of a sick member are appreciated by those who are really confined to home because of their illness. Attention must be given to the shut-ins. Since the elders are often limited in the time available for such work, members of the congregation should be encouraged to share in such visits.

Discipline is necessary for the health of the body of Christ. Discipline always serves a good purpose in life and it does the same in the Church. The discipline of the church is a painful but necessary task. No church can be healthy and strong without it.

Ministers and elders should be alert to opportunities to reclaim sinners for Christ. God's providence often softens those who were previously hard of heart. Sometimes sickness, economic reverses or family problems become doors of opportunity to make contact again. Sometimes God has strange ways to bring his people back to the church. But we may never count a lost person as an enemy - we must always admonish him or her as

a brother or sister in the Lord.

A. Demmer, elder,
Hebron Chr. Ref. Church,
Whitby

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So the Church is catholic, a word which causes some fuss. It does not imply bishopric; the Church is ubiquitous!

Sy Nodd

Portrait of Philippine missionaries

Recently the decision was made to support the Helleman family, somewhat financially but especially with our letters and prayers. Following is some information about the family. Let us show them our interest in support through cards and letters. Are there some children who would like to become pen-pals with a missionary child?

The Helleman family: Art and Wendy were both born in The Netherlands, but received their elementary and secondary education in Canada. Both are also graduates of Calvin College. After graduation, Art spent three years at the Seminary, while Wendy continued her study of classical languages at the University of Toronto in Canada. They met again at the Free University of Amsterdam, and were married in The Netherlands in 1971.

In 1973 they returned to Canada and served the Terrace Christian Reformed Church in North-Central British Columbia until 1977 when they were called by the Calvin Chr. Ref. Church of Ottawa to serve as missionaries in the Philippines. A desire to work especially with young adults, combined with a longstanding interest in the problems of the Third World helped them in their decision to take up work at the Christian Reformed Seminary and Bible College (CRSBC) in Bacolod City.

At CRSBC Art teaches a variety of theological subjects, as well as courses on church order, world religions, ethics, Christian philosophy and Christian education; the curriculum aims at preparing students for ministry, whether as pastors, evangelists, or Sunday School and Bible study leaders, and for the many tasks associated with the organization of new Bible Study centers and churches. Alongside the work of teaching, Art is also called upon to preach, and to counsel.

Together with other missionaries, he prepares seminars for elders and deacons on newly organized churches, or for the benefit of university students who otherwise receive little help in relating their studies to their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Wendy also teaches part-time at the Seminary and Bible College, giving courses in New Testament Greek. The Hellemans have three children; the oldest daughter, Sharon, attends Trinity Christian School, at the Chinese Evangelical Church of Bacolod. David and Pauline are still at home.

Their address is: Rev. and Mrs. A. Helleman, P.O. Box 653, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines 6001.

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Calvin and church offices

Some years ago Dr. Herman Bavinck summarized beautifully what the Church and its offices are all about. He wrote:

To Calvin goes the honour that, while doing battle against the Roman priest hierarchy, he restored the offices of elder and deacon as well as that of the preaching office. Through him the church once received its own terrain and its own independent function. He fought bitterly and for years for the independence of the church, for the free exercise of its discipline, for the maintenance of purity in the ministration of the Word and sacraments.

In thinking of the church he did not think in the first place of the offices of that church, of the church as institute, but he saw in it above all a gathering or communion of believers who by their confession and their walk had to prove themselves to be God's people, and who were all personally anointed of Christ to be prophets, priests and kings. The church is at once the mother and the community of believers. It is something different and something more than a crowd coming together in one place on Sunday to hear the preaching; it is a community or communion which during the week also makes its influence felt both towards the inside and the outside.

The preaching office is but one of the offices; alongside of it there is the office of elder which must also through personal house visitation, supervision, and discipline, have its work to do; there is, further, the office of deacon, which must show mercy to the poor and sick; and, finally, there is the office of doctor or teacher whose function it is to develop the truth, and to instruct and defend it.

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"GROW IN TRUTH"

JOHN 8:32

I read God's word and find the Lord of Life is Jesus!
I read God's word and find the Lord of Love is Jesus!
I read God's word and find the Lord of Truth is Jesus!
I have life through Jesus,
I grow in truth.
I have love for Jesus, I grow in truth.
I have strength from Jesus,
I grow in truth.

Calvinettes celebrate twenty-five years

Calvinette Week — April 24-30, 1983

A nine-year-old Calvinette from Keene, Ontario, wrote these thoughts in response to the Calvinette theme for this year. The theme, "Grow in Truth," is based on Jesus' words in John 8: "If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

During this season in over 700 clubs throughout Canada and the United States, girls have studied this theme. In their studies they have seen that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. They

have seen that spiritual growth occurs through God's grace and through nourishment and they go to His Word and to Him in prayer, as they worship with fellow club and church members. They have seen that the truth sets them free — free from sin and free to serve the Lord in gratitude.

We are grateful for the more than 4,000 dedicated counselors who work with girls from week to week. They give unselfishly of their time and talents to reach girls with Christ's love. They set an example of thankful service.

This year is an especially exciting one for Calvinettes, as we celebrate twenty-five years of service to the church in youth ministry. From 1958 to the present we have experienced God's blessing on our work. We began with clubs in just a few churches in West Michigan. Through God's grace we now number 714 clubs in nine Canadian provinces and thirty-three states. The lives of many women have been touched and changed through Calvinette ministries.

We thank God for the opportuni-

ties He has given us; we trust Him for the future. We thank you for the loyal support and encouragement you have given to your local clubs as well as to the Calvinette international organization. Join us as we thank God for the blessings He has showered on us; join with the girls and counselors of your church as they discover the joy of growing in truth, and of serving Jesus Christ in loving gratitude.

Joanne Ilbrink,
Executive Director,
Calvinettes

Meet Mrs. Alie Kuipers Hart

Alie Kuipers was born in Indonesia and immigrated to Australia where she received her education and nurses' training.

After completing both nursing and midwifery training she worked for several years both in the rural areas of Australia and later in Europe before the Lord led her to Canada, and from there to serve in Nigeria with Christian Reformed World Missions.

During her first term in Nigeria she spent the first five months studying Hausa, then was posted to Baissa, a small mission station located near a village with the same name in the southeastern part of Nigeria.

The rural health program was her main outreach to the people and involves doing clinics in seven different villages within a 40 mile radius of Baissa and many monthly clinics in Baissa itself.

Rural Health workers try to work closely with the evangelists of the different areas involving them both in translation and in a more personal evangelism approach. Basic health and hygiene methods are taught in the language of the area. Children are given vaccinations and preventive



Mr. and Mrs. Hart

medicines. Bible teaching and evangelism are an integral part of the daily presentation at these clinics.

In February, 1980, Alie was transferred from Baissa to Serti to supervise the Rural Health program in the Serti area. She worked as a midwife at Serti for the following 2 1/2 years. Serti is a developing community which lies in a long narrow river valley between towering 4,000 foot hills to the west and green, forested, rolling terrain to the east. It is part of the Cameroon mountain range.

Alie delivered over 2,000 babies during that 2 1/2 year period. There was no doctor available, so when deliveries became difficult, she, with the help of God, struggled through many complex situations. The mission airplane was available to take patients to the hospital at Takum or other places when circumstances required it and when the plane could get there fast enough.

Alie worked with dedicated Nigerian Staff at Serti as she did at Baissa. Most of the nationals had limited training, but were an indispensable help

to her, handling many of the routine tasks that must be done at a Maternity Center.

Things have changed for Alie in the last few months, however. She has become Mrs. Bill Hart. That happened in August just before she left Nigeria. Bill was a builder on the same mission field and the Lord led them to become one in marriage and also in purpose. They hope to return to Nigeria in February of 1983 after a furlough in North America for both of them. Bill is from

Jenison, Michigan. He originally went to Nigeria as a short-term volunteer, and then continued on as a builder for an extended period of time.

As Mrs. Hart, Alie will undoubtedly continue to make a contribution to the work in Nigeria. Christian Reformed World Missions is grateful for her past work, and, Lord willing, Alie and Bill Hart will be back in Nigeria to continue their service together in a few months.

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Community Report

Alberta Labour Minister speaks at CLAC meeting

Wally van de Kleut

Couching his thoughts in humanistic language which most Christians in the audience seemed to politely accept, the Honourable Les Young, Alberta Minister of Labour, spoke of the Brotherhood of Man and the conservative political tenet of minimum governmental intervention.

In his speech to around 100 members of the CLAC's Edmonton General Worker's Local 104 at their annual meeting February 23, Mr. Young introduced his topic, "The Future of Labour Relations in Alberta," by looking at the present economic situation.

Young noted that during the past 3 years, Canadians have produced less per person than in 1979, and that further, since 1976 there has only been one

year in which more jobs were created than people added to the labour force. As a result our international competitive position is in jeopardy. In addition, "a diversity of well-being, or a spreading out of wealth is occurring," which in turn, said Young, "introduces a moral and economic question as to what is our responsibility for sharing."

In reference to collective bargaining, Young posed the question; "what are 'we' trying to achieve?" His answer was an ambiguous objective of "a fair sharing of the output" in line with a "plan for the Brotherhood of Man."

Responding to a question from the audience on the negative effects of the prevalent adversarial approach to labour relations, Young felt that possibly a re-evaluation of the purpose of collective bargaining is needed. As an example he cited the fact that in a recent nurses' strike in Alberta 360 items were in dispute. Such a list of items is ridiculous, said Young.

The Labour Minister took issue with recent high awards being accorded as a result of arbitration to groups such as the police and firefighters in Edmonton. He pointed out that some arbitration processes take up to a year to reach a conclusion, and that such a lag time can put a decision out of step with later economic realities.

"For two decades we've experienced prosperity," said Young. In that climate "people have changed jobs often, become fussy, and haven't



Les Young

really put out. This will change, because harder economic times will force us to re-evaluate."

Addressing challenges for the future, Young said that "we have to do a better job of looking at equity and fairness." As an example he said that wages and benefits are as high in government as they are in the private sector, and he wondered if there shouldn't be a trade-off for the security normally associated with government jobs in terms of less pay than found in the private sector.

Young further noted that present labour legislation is

primarily "good times legislation," and acknowledged that "there might be some holes in it." He maintained, however, that the Labour Relations Board is in place, and that minimum intervention by government is most desirable.

In regard to legislation problems, Young was questioned as to the unfair practice of construction unions including subcontracting clauses in their contracts with employer's associations, thereby often excluding CLAC-organized firms from certain jobsites. Rather than wholeheartedly agreeing that legislative change is needed, Young suggested a third party such as the CLAC might obtain a cease and desist order, and then claim damages either to the courts or to the Labour Relations Board (LRB).

Such action, however, would set a precedent, would likely be costly, and would necessitate the empowering of the LRB with the authority to assess damages. CLAC agent, Co Vanderlaan, insisted that legislative change is required, to which Young made partial acknowledgement.

Throughout his address

Young contended that poorer economic times, rather than legislative changes or governmental intervention, should and would force people to re-evaluate labour and economic problems. Though this may to some extent be true, the Labour Minister's speech was unfortunately deficient in any discussion of government's rightful task to see that justice in the area of labour is done.

Earlier in the meeting Ralph Witten, Secretary of the Board, and Co Vanderlaan relayed that CLAC Alberta has certainly grown during the past two years. In 1980 CLAC represented two companies with 325 members, whereas in 1982, 800 members and 25 companies are represented.

Both men also mentioned that unemployment has affected CLAC during the past year, Ralph Witten noting that at one point 33% of Local 63 members were unemployed. Vanderlaan shared that CLAC is committed to helping the unemployed in whatever way possible, and stressed "that the more active CLAC becomes, the more opportunities we receive to serve in the field of labour."

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Last Choice

Wally van de Kleut

A great deal has been written about First Choice Pay-TV's connection with pornographic programming. No doubt much of the discussion has merit, bringing into sharp relief the uncomfortable fact that the middle class is not insulated from the exploitation of human sexuality.

But why has so little been said concerning society's acceptance of the phenomenon of Pay-TV? Is the fact that the battle lines appear to be drawn around the issue of pornography a reflection of a general perception that Pay-TV is, per se, desirable and advantageous?

The Pay-TV companies and other exponents of 'freedom of choice' and the leisure lifestyle will undoubtedly laud Pay-TV's virtues. For the sake of community balance I present a few drawbacks:

Entertainment from Without.

Pay-TV is yet another form of entertainment for which the person entertained expends little or no energy. Creative involvement, essential for the developing of the whole person, is not required.

A subscriber to Pay-TV has access round the clock to a smorgasbord of programming. Movies, plays, spectator sports, children's programs and more movies: the ultimate in convenience, and according to the advertising, cost-effective as well.

Instant and convenient entertainment is the attraction. Why work at it if it's all there for you? But this is deceptive. When a person abdicates his or her active part in creating leisure, entertainment or culture, a person increasingly loses the ability to responsibly shape his or her leisure/cultural environment.

Entertainment in Isolation.

Another unfortunate aspect of Pay-TV lies in

its appeal of seldom having to leave home. The result is what might be called 'entertainment in isolation', and the long-term effect of that on the health of the community can only be guessed at. Yet the tendency to divorce oneself from flesh-and-blood others is certainly reinforced, and can hardly be seen as something which builds a sense of community.

Money.

Although Pay-TV companies espouse the affordability of their product/service, the price tag is not exactly minimal. The converter, a connecting charge, and a single Pay-TV channel rental for one year will likely total close to \$400. The TV set is, of course, extra.

On the other hand that \$400 could be used to buy a pass to a local swimming pool, support a Christian artist by purchasing a painting, subscribe to a season of live plays or symphony performances, and/or purchase supplies for a personally-involved leisure activity such as knitting, furniture repair and restoration, drawing, coin-collecting, or learning to play a musical instrument.

The objections raised focus on the personal decision-making level. However, they have repercussions for the way the individual relates to the community-at-large, and for the well-being of society.

Our entertainment activities and our attitudes toward those activities are not insignificant. Local craft stores, fitness clubs, artists, theatres and music halls, to name but a few, need community support or they will falter and die. The vibrant life of a diversified society is at stake.

If we put all our eggs in the Pay-TV basket we get what we pay for: greater uniformity and passivity, increased isolation, and a growing tendency to rely on entertainment mediums over which we have very little opportunity to exercise Christian discernment and wisdom. The choice is ours. Pay-TV is my last choice.

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News - International

Where have all our Latin American missionaries been?

John H. Boer

In a past issue of *Calvinist Contact*, Bernie Dokter, Latin America Secretary for the Christian Reformed Board of World Missions (CRWM) in Grand Rapids, Mich., USA, attempted to shed some light on the strife currently taking place in Central America. Though he fully recognizes the role of Communism in the area, he correctly argues that Communism is not the basic problem. Rather, the root cause is poverty and oppression. Communism only tries to make hay in that situation. So far, so good.

Dokter goes on to assert that poverty, illiteracy, and related problems are increasing in the area so that the people are becoming more desperate. Western governments - I suspect he means mainly the American government - step into this situation by supplying money and weapons to the governments of the troubled region, governments that seek to suppress the mounting unrest without solving the basic problems of injustice. Dokter rightly criticizes this approach as unchristian.

The writer is a missionary, one of many CRC missionaries daily involved in Latin American life on a very practical level. As such he sees that the CRC cannot remain aloof from developments in that part of the world. We must help seek a solution and work towards it. Such thinking is good missionary thinking. Our solution, he suggests, must take the form of a "Biblical alternative." It is to his alternative that I would like to devote the rest of this article.

First of all, I cannot suppress the question where my colleagues in Central America have been the last fifteen years or so, the period during which the factors causing these problems were developing. Why is it that these factors were not recognized at an earlier stage?

We have been evangelical

I think I know. As a missionary community and, indeed, as a denomination, we have been evangelical rather than Reformed. We have shared with our evangelical counterparts a dualism that led us to a church-centric mission programme that largely ignored the political, social and economic realities within which we did our mission work. We have been so busy building churches that we thought we lacked the time and resources to analyze the structural context. It was not until the effects became clearly oppressive that we began to wake up - just at the time when it had become fashionable to be concerned about such issues, some years after so-called "liberal" churches had already been doing a lot of spadework in this area of concern.

Too bad we have been so evangelical. We have examples within our tradition of people who were able to foretell developments such as these, not because they had special charismatic gifts, but because they paid attention to social trends of their day and analyzed them by biblical standards. They recognized the assumptions underlying current developments and where these would or could lead. I refer to men like Groen Van Prinsterer and Abraham Kuyper. They were prophets; they were in the forefront of Christian thinking. We are mere followers, followers of fashion and followers of post-facto development. We are typically evangelical more than reformed.

Multinationals lobby government

Unfortunately, Dokter fails to explain the reasons his government supports oppressive regimes in Central America. I do not pretend to know them all, of course, but there is no doubt that one major reason is the pressure of the American multinationals. These multinationals have huge investments in some Latin American countries.

Endless arrays of studies have indicated beyond doubt that many of these corporations have contributed much to the problems now causing such upheavals. In order to protect their investments, they engage in extensive lobbying in Washington. And, of course, Washington must protect the interests of her citizens. Corporations, to achieve their aims, need law and order and these, Washington reasons, can best be obtained by supporting regimes emphasizing law and order rather than justice. The demands of justice require far-reaching changes that could well jeopardize the interests of these corporations.

CRC also responsible

We need to go one step further. Who are these multinationals? They are corporations comprising employees, managers, directors and stockholders. They are very complicated structures that require more than this short article to describe fully.

But it can be said without much doubt that among the stockholders of these multinationals are a considerable number of members of the CRC, most of whom seldom ask questions as to how they get their dividends. In fact, all members of the CRC are involved as stockholders through our denominational pension funds. These pension funds are invested in many corporations, some of which con-

tribute to the problems Dokter describes and which encourage the US government to pursue the policies Dokter rightly considers unchristian.

This situation leads me to the necessary conclusion that the entire CRC must accept its share of the responsibility for the situation in which Latin America finds itself. We are part of the problem. Dokter's analysis leaves us too free; it does not go far enough. Put in a better way, his analysis goes too far; it should come closer to home!

Evangelicals are liberal

Dokter's alternative is a call to the evangelical community to reject affiliation with both right and left and, instead to "walk with the Lord." It's too bad that such a call comes so late in the game, but that is water over the dam. But I cannot help wonder why he wishes to affiliate with the evangelical community in this matter.

Within the Christian community, evangelicals have not been the most acute in their understanding of economic and political events. I do not hesitate to assert bluntly that their participation in these areas has been almost mindless, at least, from a Christian perspective. They may be strong in their insistence on a personal commitment to Christ, but in the areas of economics and politics most of them have been very worldly. The so-called "liberal" or "mainline" churches have tended to be more biblically sensitive to the effect of these multinationals and to the responsibility of the shareholders. One can say that evangelicals are liberal where liberals are more evangelical.

Both in Canada and in the USA there are ecumenical organizations as well as denominational offices that deal seriously and competently with the issues with which Dokter is concerned. Their efforts represent a real challenge to the CRC with our boast in the universal lordship of Christ. I am greatly encouraged by the fact that the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada now has a loose relationship at least with the Toronto-based Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility. I similarly rejoice in the letter of CRWM to Washington protesting the very policies of which Dokter writes. But such a letter should also have been sent to those corporations in which the CRC invests and which are partly responsible for the problems.

We are to walk with the Lord

The point of the last two paragraphs has been that we had better not align ourselves with evangelicals in this issue for they have little or nothing to offer here. They will only serve to slow us down in the process



context in which our missionaries there work, but they do not tell us how these missionaries are expected to relate to these realities or what they are to do about them.

Brother Dokter, how are we to walk with the Lord in that context? I would like to know and, I suspect, so would many others.

John Boer is a missionary working at the Institute of Church and Society in Jos, Nigeria.

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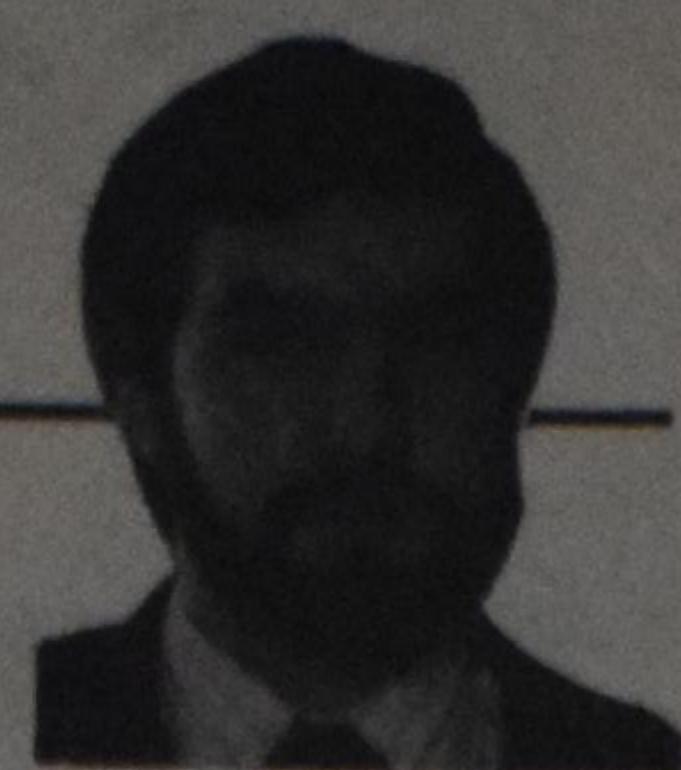
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Calvin loan default rate among lowest

At a time when many colleges are being penalized for default rates on National Direct Student Loans in excess of 25 per cent, Calvin College continues its fine record in this area. As of the last reporting date, October, 1982, Calvin's rate was 0.95 per cent, the lowest in Michigan and one of the lowest in the United States.

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Note on friendship

Friendship is like music,
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Can whisper your song of friendship,
Orgiggle every note.

Are you a lazy whole note?
Or a scurrying eighth note?
My friend is a quarter rest.

You and your friend can make harmony
Every single bar.
You can make 2/4 time!

Share your sharps and flats
And secrets, all day long.
Come on and write your song!

*Heather Musser, grade 6,
Vancouver Chr. School*

Students reflect on Easter

Kim and Thu Thao came to Canada in the summer of 1981 and are now attending John Knox Christian School in Fruitland, Ontario. The latest John Knox newsletter noted that the two had worked very hard and had done very well in learning English. Their thoughts on Easter 1983 also appeared in the newsletter:

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross. He died for our sins. The third day he rose again from the grave. We call this Easter Sunday. I feel about Easter that it's very important, because Jesus died for our sins and he wanted to help us come to heaven.

Kim Thao Tran

The Bible said that Jesus has to do his work. That's why he died. We should be happy today. We should give thanks to God who sent his only son down to earth. He will come back again. How kind. He loved us that much! On the way to the glory land, with all the shining host of heaven around him. He remembered his children left behind on earth! We should remember Easter forever.

Thu Thao Tran

Grade one students also offered their comments on Easter. David Vander Mey: "Good Friday Jesus died on the cross. On Easter he rose. He is living in heaven." Ronald Winter: "Easter reminds me of Jesus because he died for my sins. It does not remind me of Easter eggs." Trevor Koornneef: "On Easter Jesus died on the cross. On the third day he rose from the dead. Also on Easter the Easter Bunny brings chocolate to me and to the other children."

Jesus lives in the hearts and minds of all, great and small.

James Ward to perform in Edmonton

Edmonton keyboardist and vocalist James Ward will appear in concert Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the University of Alberta Students' Union Theatre. The concert is being sponsored by The King's College, Edmonton.

Just coming off a new album release for Lamb & Lion Records with "Faith Takes A Vision," Ward is recognized as a brilliant performer of "energetic, hardhitting original compositions." On stage

Ward's electric style of jazz-rock, gospel and rhythm and blues explains his ability to draw enthusiastic audiences from various backgrounds.

Ward's new album was produced by Turley Richards who is known for his work with Fleetwood Mac and as a recording artist with Atlantic Records.

Ward's tunes have been recorded by the Imperials, Pat Boone, Marty McCall and Fireworks, and the

song "Make A Joyful Noise" was used by PBS-TV in 1981 for a musical by the same title.

Ward first began touring in 1972 and the following year he created the jazz band Elan in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1978 Ward returned to solo performances upon joining the MTD Artists agency of Grand Rapids, MI, directed by Hans Altena. Ward is an elder at the New City Fellowship Church in Chattanooga, TN.

Young Adults in Orangeville retreat

The Hamilton Young Adults is a group of people, 21 years of age and over, that meets regularly every other Sunday evening in the First Christian Reformed Church in Hamilton for an evening of Christian meetings and fellowship.

We recently met at the Teen Ranch in Orangeville for our annual retreat. "Prayer - Talking with God" was chosen as the theme because prayer concerns us intimately and it is something about which we could all learn more. Rev. Jelle Nutma graciously accepted our invitation to lead us in looking at prayer and discussing various aspects of prayer with us.

Friday night was "Get Acquainted Night." The people attending the retreat, from all over Ontario, were divided into groups and got to know each other through games and team effort.

Saturday morning started with a

delicious breakfast. We then met together in one group to listen to Rev. Nutma explain points about "Friendship and Prayer." Emphasized were such points as God seeking fellowship and communion with his people in creation; we as God's people fulfilling that desire of God; and we responding to him in prayer.

After lunch, there was an opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and free time. A group of us went horseback riding, while others simply walked outside and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Later on Saturday afternoon, we met together again to discuss prayer in more detail.

Saturday evening was our talent night. Spontaneously and impromptu, we enjoyed silent T.V. commercials, skits, songs and a kangaroo court. In these talent

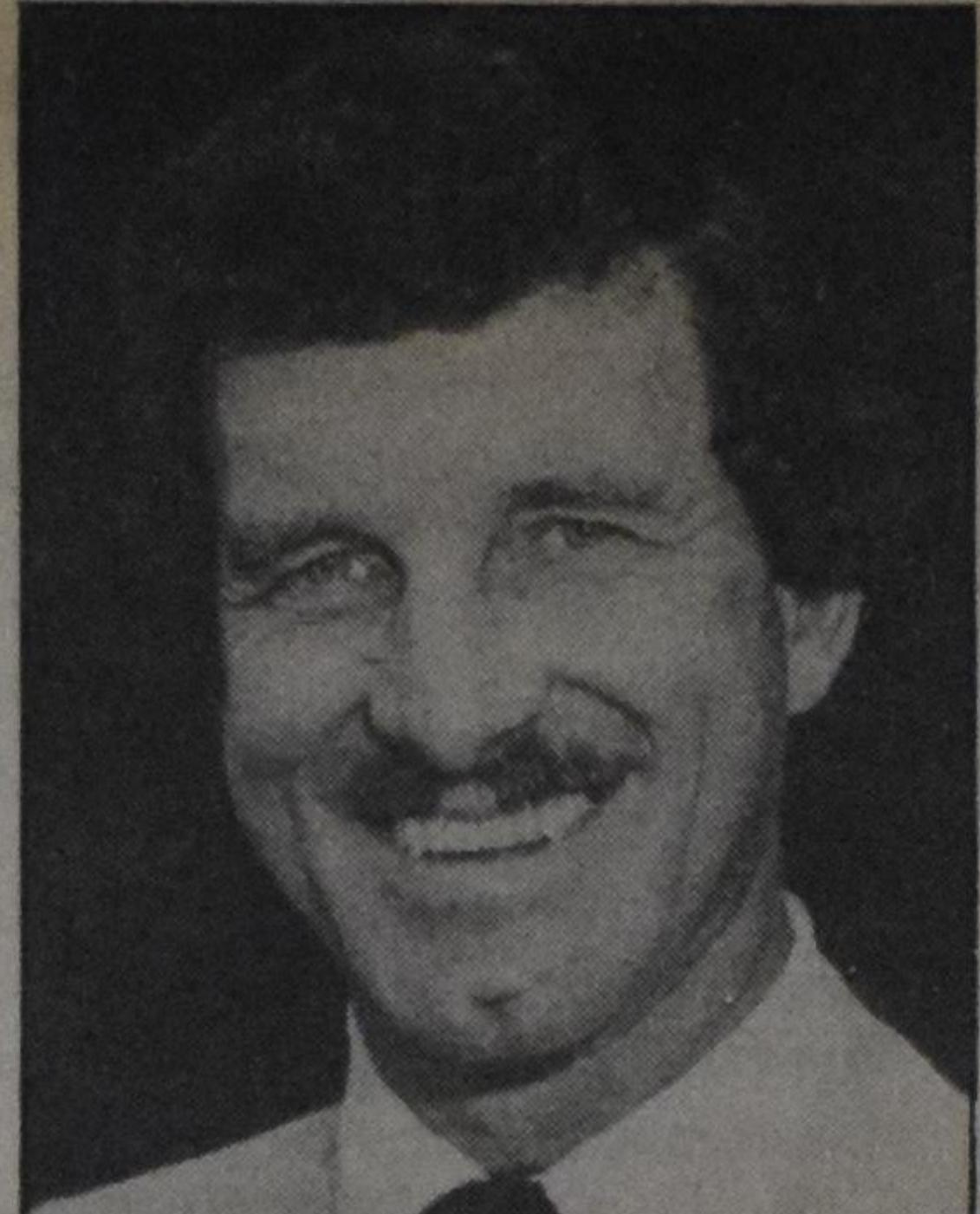
evenings, it is as much fun to participate as to watch.

Sunday morning, we travelled to the Orangeville Chr. Ref. Church for the worship service. Rev. Nutma preached the sermon on Matthew 26:36-46. The prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane "not as I will, but as thou wilt" should be our prayer as well in our daily lives. We were encouraged to "watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation."

We then enjoyed coffee with the Orangeville congregation before going back to the Teen Ranch for a big Sunday dinner.

A retreat is a time for getting back to basics in our Christian lives, for focussing on God's Word, and for sharing with others what we believe. This certainly happened at our retreat.

Louise Harmsma,
Acton, ON



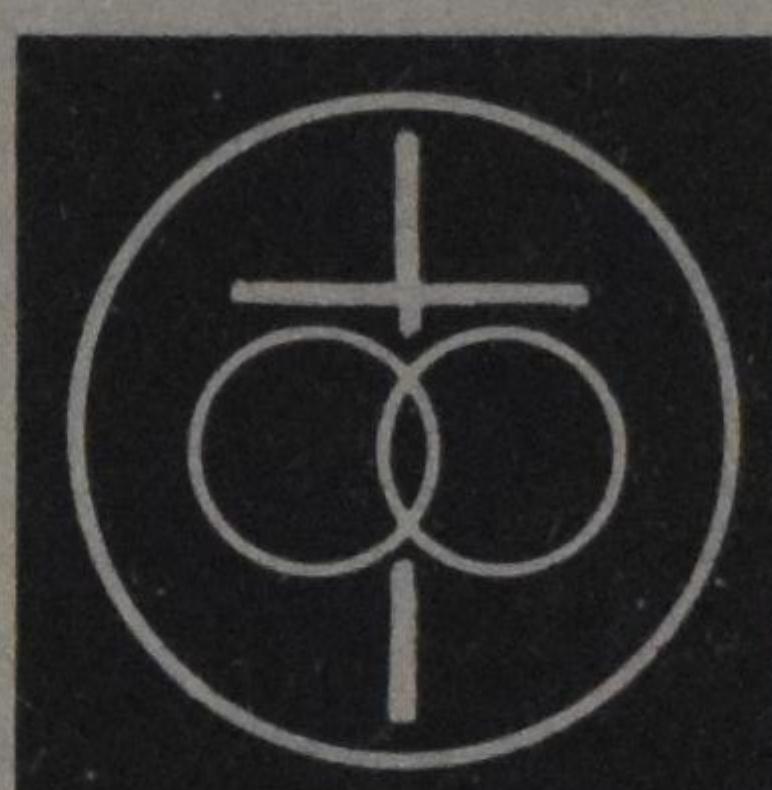
Anthony J. Diekema

Calvin College President Anthony J. Diekema and his wife have just completed a two-week tour to South Korea and Japan at the invitation of Chongsin (Presbyterian General Assembly) Theological College in Seoul, South Korea.

Dr. Diekema delivered a series of lectures on Christian

Diekemas in Korea, Japan

liberal arts education and scholarship, conducted four chapel services, and advised the administration and faculty of Chongsin about developing a Christian liberal arts curriculum.



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REXDALE - This year marks the completion of 25 years of service in Christian elementary education at Timothy Christian School in Rexdale. Already a number of the planned events will take place as the year progresses.

The Timothy community has been made aware of this anniversary in a number of ways. The students contributed to the designing of a special anniversary flag. An Anniversary hymn was composed and written by the principal, Mr. Bergsma, for the occasion. Students made a commemorative wall hanging on display in the school's entrance. Anniversary wall tiles are available and an Anniversary book has already been published.

A special anniversary assembly opened the academic year. The anniversary flag was unveiled and ceremoniously raised to the top of the flagpole, by the first chairman of the board, Mr. A. de Boer. Some weeks later, the school was opened to grandparents, both genuine and honorary.

On Feb. 14, a Valentine tea was held to recognize the contributions of the women who have served on the Ladies' Activity Committee.

A Parent Day was held on March 11 at the school. The morning began with a devotional assembly followed by coffee and the opportunity to experience a bit of school life first hand.

The highlight of the anniversary is scheduled for Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. On the Friday evening, the students will perform in a concert.

Saturday morning the celebrants will gather for a pancake breakfast at the school. At the same time the school will be open to our guests and memorabilia will be on display till 12:00 noon. In the evening at 8:00 at Thistletown Collegiate Institute, Mr. Ken Swets, School & Public Relations Administrator of Christian Schools International (CSI) will be the keynote speaker at the rededication night.

The Timothy Christian School community recognizes that it has much to thank the Lord for. It is hoped that the joy and celebration in this anniversary year will be a pleasing expression of praise to the Lord for his unfailing faithfulness in the community.

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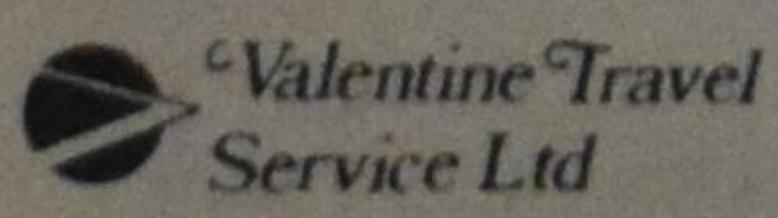
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Canadian Peculiarities Touching Education

Article written by Rev. M. Schans for the February 1944 issue of the Christian Home and School Magazine



Two army barracks were purchased from Newmarket and converted into a school

When our Holland Marsh group decided a year and a half ago to establish a Christian School here, we first made a thorough study of the legal aspect of the situation. We had been told and were in hopes that we could use the school tax, which we had been paying toward the maintenance of the public school, for our own Christian school. But we found that we were mistaken. The Roman Catholic Church has that privilege for its parochial schools, but no other religious group has. And thereby hangs a tale. The Canadian educational system shows rank favoritism to that one Church, and a gross injustice to all Protestant Churches. Of course, it is not fair. But when one knows the historical background and origin of the situation he becomes somewhat reconciled to it.

The original settlers in Canada, particularly in Quebec, were French Roman Catholics. In the long struggle between France and Great Britain for the possession of Canada, the latter won out in 1763. But many concessions were made to the French Canadians, stipulated in the Royal Grant of 1768. Then came the Revolutionary War, in which thirteen colonies tried but failed to obtain the cooperation of the French in Canada. In appreciation for their loyalty to the British crown in the American Revolutionary War, the British government gave new favours to the French Canadians, and in a new Royal Grant of

1778 the French Roman Catholics, among other things, received the privilege to have their own *parochial schools* throughout the whole Dominion, these schools to be maintained by public funds and taxes.

However, provision was made in the Educational Act that in any community where the population was preponderantly Roman Catholic, but where there would also be a group of Protestants, these could establish a *separate Protestant school*, with its own school-board. And now that other nationalities have settled in the various provinces of Canada the so-called Protestant schools are in the rule in the Dominion, except in the province of Quebec. Naturally, many bitter battles have been fought as a result of this peculiar educational policy of Canada.

Now we thought that we could have a separate Protestant school here, in view of the fact that our public school had a Roman Catholic teacher. And that would have been possible, but it was made plain to us that such a separate school would simply be another public school, Protestant in name, but in which no Christian instruction could be given. The word "Protestant" in this connection simply means "non Roman Catholic." In this so-called Protestant

school we could elect our own board, and appoint a teacher of our own choice, but we could not decide on the subjects to be taught, being subject as all other Public Schools to the Ontario Board of Education in the course of study. Of course, that could not satisfy us.

But, upon inquiry we found that the law also made provision for our *private schools*, almost exactly as provision is made in the United States for our Christian schools. The well-to-do Anglicans maintain a few of such private schools, the Quakers established Pickering College near here almost a hundred years ago, and the Lutherans have three of these private schools in Ontario. And we discovered that what we needed and wanted was such a school. These private schools receive no grants, cannot be maintained through public funds or taxes, but are dependent upon the private support of the church or society which establishes them. The school taxes of such groups continue to maintain the local public school.

In the establishment of such a private school the provincial board of education does not interfere in any way. No qualification for teachers are prescribed, no course of study or use of textbooks is required, no specifications are given as to building or rooms to be used for school purposes. No examinations by public school authorities are demanded, and the private schools are not even subject to supervision or inspection by the Ontario Board of Education, unless they so request.

And so we have our own private school, which we call our Christian School. When we opened it a year ago we notified the Chief Inspector, Mr. Greer, and he sent us his gracious congratulations and good wishes for the success of our school. He had very kindly given us splendid advice in our preparatory work.

We are happy to have a school of our own, with Mr. Utvlugt as our splendid and well qualified teacher. We trust that other groups of our people will realize that in Canada only a private school can satisfy us. And we hope that our school will be the first of several Christian schools in our far-flung Dominion.

The first teacher-interview

Where to get a teacher. Don't forget we were in the middle of World War Two, only 2 years away from the big depression. Building material was hard to get. Plywood was as scarce as hens teeth, because it was only used for crating war machinery to send to England or wherever it was needed. Gasoline was rationed, to make long distance trips was almost impossible.

We heard there was a Mrs. De Jong in Sarnia, who had been a schoolteacher in The Netherlands, and her husband was in the Dutch army. Undersigned had to bring a load of vegetables to Chatham. Rev. Schans could go along in the truck to meet Mrs. De Jong for an interview. I loaded the truck in the late afternoon in order to get an early start the next morning. I had to rush to Harry Marsh Gasoline Station on Highway 11 to fill the tank, because they were not allowed to sell gas after 6 p.m. I hurried to be there before six, on my way down, somebody's poodle ran in front of the truck, got under the wheel and the poor doggie was dead as a doornail.

I could not talk to the owner to tell him how sorry I was, because I had to be on time at the station. But how I got it a few days later, it was almost as bad as running over a human being, and not even stop!

The next morning with Rev. Schans with me in the cab we made the then seven hour trip to Chatham. A close friend of Rev. Schans, Rev. Leonard Trap was willing to drive the 50 mile trip to Sarnia, but Mrs. De Jong thought she was not capable to teach the language of the land. All that trip for nothing.

Walter Horlings

Treasurer of the first School Board

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Early beginnings of the Holland Marsh Christian School Society

In the summer of 1935 several (13) families from Hamilton, Burlington, and Chatham established themselves in the "Holland Marsh." Most of them were members of the Christian Reformed Church, and recent immigrants from The Netherlands.

However it was during the great depression that they arrived and money was scarce but they had their faith and were willing workers. The government agreed to finance a school for their children if they would donate their labour. This was soon done and the parents were happy with this arrangement. The first teacher was Miss Eileen Nolan who was an excellent teacher and beloved by all the pupils. She taught all eight grades and later even had two pupils in grade nine.

Since three of the four board members were Christian Reformed they had control of the situation. As the population increased rapidly they were finally outnumbered and lost control.

Soon after their arrival a society had been formed for the establishment of a Christian School, but because of lack of financial strength their plans were on the back burner. When the government school, however, became too small and a second teacher had to be hired this society began to investigate the possibility of starting a Christian School. The committee appointed consisted of J. Van Dyke, A. Havinga and Jan Rupke.

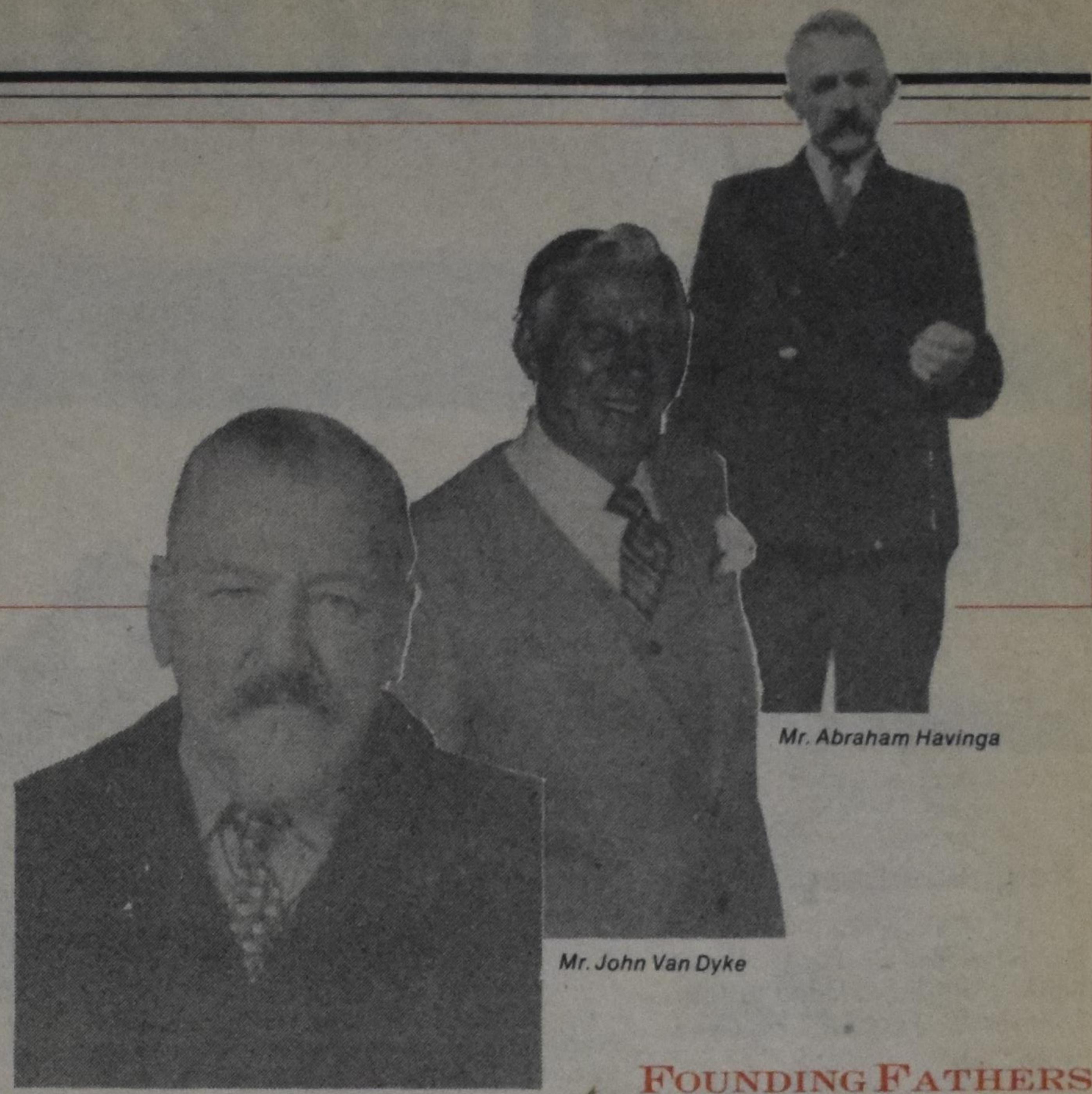
There were rumors that the school extension would cost \$5000, which amount would be paid by the taxpayers. The society was asked if this would not be the time to start working toward their goal. The opinion of the 20 members present was that "Men het ijzer moet smeden terwijl het heet is." In other words, seize the opportunity.

The general opinion was that their tax dollars would be available to them for their project. A new board was chosen at this time consisting of A. Sneep, S. Winter, W. Horlings and John Rupke. Rev. Schans consented to help the board in their efforts. He visited Charles Evans in Bradford and found that if they wanted a separate school the government would exercise considerable control, and it would be difficult if not impossible to maintain their Christian Reformed emphasis. Although this was a disappointment for them, the members decided unanimously to go ahead with their plans. The board found that they were free to begin a private school, the only control being that all pupils must attend regularly as this is compulsory and subject to government inspection.

Much work was done to find a suitable lot for their building and many locations were discussed and investigated. Finally they decided at the annual meeting held on Aug. 21, 1942 to purchase the three acres owned by S. Oosterhuis for the price of \$150. A building committee had been appointed consisting of Jan Van Dyk, E. Biemold and P. Verkaik. P. Verkaik now reported that \$1705. had already been collected in the first "Drive" for the building fund and more members were to be visited yet. The committee was commended for their "splendid work." A plan for the building made by A. Sneep was adopted as well as the proposal to make the privy 4 x 8 and the workshop 10 x 12 ft. However a building permit for the school was refused by King Township so they had to resort to other measures. The consistory room of the church building was enlarged and rented from the church, and on February 15, 1943 at 2

o'clock the school was officially opened with a short program. The Ladies Aid donated \$60.00 for a stove and a clock. After much fruitless searching Mr. J.W. Uitvlugt was finally found willing to accept the position of teacher for our children for \$85.00 a month and a free house.

The estimated budget for 1943 was \$1500. In the following 7 months 27 meetings were held. These pioneers, in establishing the first Christian School in Canada faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Because of wartime shortages delivery of materials and supplies was very uncertain and slow. Many avenues had to be explored to obtain even their basic needs. There were many problems to be discussed and decided upon such as insurance, busing, teacher's house and upkeep and care of facilities, not to speak of curriculum and how to finance problems; yet, God blessed all their



Mr. Jan Rupke

Mr. John Van Dyke

Mr. Abraham Havinga

FOUNDING FATHERS

to arrive from Holland causing numerous problems such as language and accommodation. This was one of the reasons that the school became the mother of a daughter. In 1955 the members from the west side (Springdale) opened a three room school of their own.

In the meantime Hurricane Hazel in 1954 had left the school building water logged and severely damaged. Eventually it was sold to Sierk Rupke and Al Verrips who tore it down and built a barn.

In 1957 a new brick three-room school was erected by Holtrop Construction and children from as far away as Aurora, Newmarket, Queensville and Bradford attended classes there and in the church next door. Later increased attendance resulted in the addition of several rooms to the new building.

In 1972 the H.M.C.S.S. amalgamated with the Newmarket Christian School Association to form one association. In 1975 talks between this group and the Springdale Society resulted in a partial merger. The one board governed the two schools. The Ansnorveld School conducted the lower grades while the three highest grades were in the Springdale school.

Last year it was decided to enlarge the Ansnorveld School to eliminate the need for two buildings. We now have a beautiful, up-to-date facility complete with gym, and a fine staff of qualified teachers.

In the past forty years we have experienced a gradual, steady growth in our Society. Many hurdles have been overcome with the help of our God. He has blessed us abundantly, and made it possible for us to fulfill our promise to Him at baptism to "Bring them up in the fear of the Lord."

Condensed from the early Christian School Minutes,
by Catherine Rupke

Home is Holland Marsh

So many firsts happened to me here. For the first time our family was together and we had a whole house to ourselves (in Chatham two other families lived in separate apartments in the old place we called "Moscow"). For the first time I became aware of the wonder of God in nature through the changing seasons; ... the sweet smell of the rain in spring that made Holland Marsh much more black and beautiful and pungent than anywhere else on earth ... the ditches filled with wriggling black polywogs, many of whom grew up to fill my warm summer nights with their "r-rabbit" choristry ... the gorgeous marsh marigolds in the swamp across the bridge ... my first sight of the incredibly exquisite trillium (accompanied by dad's lecture on *not* picking them!) ... the church picnic in the hot summer at Lake Simcoe to which we wore our new summer play clothes and tried not to make fools of ourselves in the games (and if you were old enough you could ride in the back of "the truck"!) ... the after school excursions in autumn with dad and mom through the everlasting hills that protectively surrounded Holland Marsh (God walked there in that quiet beauty) ... tobogganing and skiing in the winter hills ... moonlight skating on the canal - with the right guy you could go on forever - then roasting hotdogs and marshmallows over a bonfire on the dyke ... snow ploughed so high you couldn't see the houses from the road ... a blizzard that snowed us in so bad one year that half a dozen men tied to each other with a rope had to walk to Bradford to get milk for babies and children.

"Well," you say, "what's this got to do with the school?" O, but it has everything to do with the school! For me Holland Marsh and its' Christian School are irrevocably bound together. I couldn't separate them if I tried! God knew I needed a good concentration of time with my father in order to benefit from his wisdom. He also knew that I needed to go to a very special christian school. By a miracle He brought it all together in Holland Marsh! What I learned in this school at the feet of my earthly Father nurtured my awareness of my heavenly Father, and Holland Marsh became the setting where I first realized His Lordship over my life.

Kitty Pott,
daughter of Jacob Uitvlugt, the first Principal

efforts and caused the school to prosper and grow.

On October 27, 1947 the Society became incorporated with the following members as Directors: President - Rev. Vander Meer, Secretary - Albert Van Dyke, Treasurer - Eise Biemold and Directors William Horlings, Harry Verkaik and Albert Verrips. They were then able to borrow \$4000. from Victoria Trust and Savings Company for the construction of the first building on their previously purchased lot. They bought two army barracks from Newmarket. These were moved and converted into a school with the help of Mr. Heffer and volunteer labour. Miss Emma Knapper became the teacher for grades 1, 2, 3, & 4, while Mr. Uitvlugt taught 5, 6, 7, & 8, with 82 pupils attending.

Busing was a continual problem. The first vehicle was an old station wagon driven by John Miedema. Later a secondhand bus was driven by Sierk

Rupke who was mentioned especially in the minutes of the annual meetings as having done an exceptional job. Later this was taken over by Mr. K. Van Hemert. Often there was mechanical breakdown and no transportation.

At this time many immigrants began

Holland Marsh invented "pinball"

The students lost no time in introducing me to those things "which we always do" in the Marsh: play soccer, skate on the canal, go tobogganing "in the hills" once a year (on the school's birthday), and play pinball for Phys. Ed. in the parish hall. This pinball, I must hasten to add, was not of the arcade variety. It was played with all the rules of basketball, but the object was to knock

over a guarded pin (Javex "bottles" did fine). Pinball, I was told, was invented right here in Holland Marsh Christian School ... a sort of truly native Marshian game. (Will it ever supplant hockey?). Of course, when it came to matters educational, these sources of information were suddenly much less talkative.

Ted Bootsma,
Principal 1969-1973

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Neighbourhood News

Last year during the summer holidays four of us neighbourhood children decided to form a club. We called it "the Dynamite Club."

First steps

As a good way to earn some pocket money and have some fun, we all agreed to publish a newspaper. The first step was to decide who would do what. Everyone chose a few things that she wanted to write about and the group agreed or disagreed with each idea.

We had quite a few ideas: advertisements, reviews, interviews, recipes, jokes, advice columns, and many more

From left to right: Jennifer Andres (9), Karen Zwart (11), Lisa Andres (12), and Rachel Zwart (13).

things. Although it was all a lot of fun, the interviewing was usually the most fun.

Interviewing

We went to neighbours, and asked them a few questions. Everyone that we asked was very helpful, and encouraging. While they were answering questions about their career, favourite food, or pet, we jotted down notes. When the interview was finished we took

the notes home and fitted them into interesting articles. If we needed help we asked each other for advice and criticism.

Follow-up

Everyone wrote their stories in a time period of about two weeks, read it to the group, and, if everyone agreed, that person typed up her story and gave it to the assembler.

The assembler was the one who put the already typed stories and artwork on legal size sheets and had them photocopied.

Then, together, we sold them around the neighbourhood for thirty cents a piece. We sold them all on the first try.

Inspired by the good results of our first paper, we decided to put out a Christmas issue over the Christmas holidays.

We had good results with this one also, and are probably going to put out another in the near future.

Benefits

By doing these papers we learned more about the people in our neighbourhood and learned how to write good stories in a fun way.

Rachel Zwart



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Don'ts for me

I've made it home from a hard day at school,
I've obeyed my teacher, I've obeyed her rules.
Rules, rules, rules! And I step through the door,
I've had it with rules, but there's a hundred rules more.
Don't forget to change your pants and your shirt,
Don't play near the street, you might get hurt,
Don't be late for supper tonight,
Don't throw stones at the corner street lights,
Don't make trouble with the kids across town,
Don't try to cross the creek, just take your bike around,
Don't pick fruit from Mrs. Kelser's trees,
Don't play football on gravel, you'll ruin both your knees,
Don't forget to pray at night,
And do your homework, do it right!
Don't slurp. Don't burp.
Don't slouch. Off the couch.
Don't tease. Don't touch please.
Don't do this, don't do that, I think I'll go to bed!
Then brush your teeth instead.

Don'ts for my parents

Don't get mad when I fail a test,
I honestly tried to do my best,
Don't say, "cheer up son, it's only a game,"
Because I heard mom say, "you were just the same,"
Don't be grumpy after a long day of work,
You always tell me it could have been worse,
Don't say you'll take me skating, when you have other plans,
Just go ahead and tell me, I'll try to understand,
Don't pat me on the head in front of all my friends,
Even though they get patted when they're at home again.,
Don't say, "listen," because I always hear what you say,
Don't say maybe, maybe, just maybe another day,
Don't ever think I mean it, when I say that I can't stand you,
I say it when I'm mad, so please remember, it's just not true,
Because even when we don't,
And even when we do,
You'll always love me,
And I'll always love you.

K.A. Vandersluis



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Cowbird impudence!

Parasite - A plant or animal that lives on or off another plant or animal.

A parasite generally cannot survive without its host. parasite

Cowbird - A North American bird that lays eggs in the nests of other birds.

It's a fact - Young cowbirds double their weight on the second day after hatching.

Some birds will not hatch cowbirds eggs but will throw them out of the nest or will build a new nest right on top of the old nest.

The European cuckoo is also a parasite. When its egg hatches the young cuckoo throws its fellow nestlings out of the nest, even though it is still blind.

Rachael Robin was upset. She twittered angrily in the branches of the maple tree. It had been bad enough to endure that first-day-of-Spring snow-storm. Not only had it meant a week of near starvation for herself and her mate Randy Robin, it had also set them back about three weeks in their nest building activities. And now another disaster!

The nest had just been completed and Rachael had deposited her first egg of the season. She and Randy had left the nest to take a tour of their territory, giving the egg a chance to cool slightly so that the incubation process would not begin until all the eggs had been laid. And now, returning to their maple, they discovered a stranger in their nest. Of all the gall! Who did that brown-headed bird think she was, squatting in their nest?

Unscramble the letters to make a word

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"Get out of here!" screamed Rachael and Randy. "Get out of here, you rascal!" Together they dive-bombed the intruder, flapping their wings about her head and screaming insults at her. First the interloper ignored them but finally she appeared to become discouraged and flew away. The robins followed in hot pursuit, making sure that she had left their territory completely.

When they returned to the nest the real nature of the disaster became evident. The lovely blue-green egg Rachael had left in the nest only a few minutes earlier was gone and in its place was a brown-speckled white egg.

Rachael and Randy did not know it but they had just fallen victim to the brown-headed cowbird, a parasite that makes the raising of youngsters none of her business. She lets the hosts do that. In this case the hosts are a pair of robins. Rachael may decide to throw the strange egg out of the nest or she may just leave it there. Then she may add three or four more of her own eggs to form the clutch she will hatch.

But all kinds of trouble still lie ahead. In all likelihood the parasite's egg will hatch before the robins' own eggs. Larger than the others, the young brown-head will regularly shove the smaller host fledglings aside when it is feeding time; some may even be pushed out of the nest. Without doubt the stranger will grow faster and bigger than the other nestlings.

In any event, the hosts, Rachael and Randy, will treat the larger, more aggressive parasite as devotedly as their own and will faithfully feed it until it matures in about two weeks. Their own youngsters will be fortunate indeed if they survive until the foster child goes on its way.

Answers to
scrambled letters

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numbers catch
jungle wooden



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We want to remind you that members of the Children's Page Committee are still taking turns sitting in the mailbox waiting for your letter to slide through the slender slot (what do you call that again when words start with the same consonant?)

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Het probleem van de vervoerskosten van graan door de Crow's Nest Pass

door Ben Malkin

Canadian Scene - Het veelomstreden graantarief voor de Crow's Nest Pass heeft aspecten die zowel historisch als economisch belangrijk zijn.

Toen de eerste transcontinentale spoorlijn in Canada, de Canadian Pacific, eenmaal voltooid was, lagen de Prairies open om gekoloniseerd te worden. Op de Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa werd een graansoort ontwikkeld die Red Fife heet, en die van de Prairies een van de voornaamste graan-producerende gebieden ter wereld zou maken.

Red Fife was een harde voorjaarstarwe, waar bijzonder goed brood van gebakken kon worden; het grootste voordeel ervan was, dat het in veel kortere tijd rijp werd dan de tot aan die tijd bekende graansoorten. Dat betekende dat het geoogst kon worden voordat de vroege vorst op de Prairies inviel.

Aan het eind van de 19e eeuw was Canadian Pacific de enige spoorwegmaatschappij die graan van de prairies naar Fort William-Pot Arthur (nu Thunder Bay), wat toen de verschepingshaven naar Montreal en Europa was, kon vervoeren. Het gebied langs de Stille Oceaan werd toen nog niet als een markt beschouwd. Omdat de CPR een monopolie had, waren de boeren op de prairies bang dat ze daar veel te veel voor hun vervoer aan zouden moeten betalen.

De regering mengde zich er in, en keurde in 1897 de Crow's Nest Pass Act goed, die de prijs voor de boeren vastlegde op 15 cent per schepel. Een aantal jaren later, toen er concurrentie kwam van een nieuwe spoorlijn (de Canadian Northern, die later een deel werd van Canadian National Railways), verlaagde de CPR de prijs tot 10 cent per schepel. Maar de hoogste prijs bleef 15 cent.

De vastgestelde prijs, die eerst alleen betrekking had op graan dat naar Fort William-Pot Arthur werd vervoerd, werd in 1927 ook geldig voor ladingen voor de Westkust.

Nu kostte het in 1897 inderdaad 15 cent om graan te vervoeren, maar tegenwoordig is dat nog maar 20 procent van wat het werkelijk kost. Daarom verliezen de spoorlijnen al jarenlang geld op het graanvervoer. Dat heeft weer tot gevolg gehad dat ze traag waren in het verbeteren van de vervoersmogelijkheden voor de groeiende economie van West Canada, die op natuurlijke grondstoffen berust. Bovendien hebben de lage graantarieven de ontwikkeling van industrie in West Canada in de weg gestaan. Tegenstanders van het Crow tarief wijzen er op dat het goedkoper is om onbewerkte graan en koolzaad (dat ook onder het Crow tarief valt) naar Oost Canada te zenden om het daar te laten verwerken tot canola olie en dan de

afgewerkte producten terug te zenden naar West Canada, dan om het graan in West Canada zelf te verwerken.

Als het duurder wordt om graan te verzenden, dan zou dat economische feit niet meer opgaan. De regering verwacht dat de productie van Westers vee tegen 1980 met \$1 biljoen zal toenemen, terwijl de veevoeder - vleesverwerkende- en zaadolie industrieën zich wel met \$350 miljoen zouden kunnen uitbreiden als het Crow tarief wordt opgeheven.

De regering is van plan om de extra onkosten die de opheffing met zich meebrengt te verdelen over de graanverbouwers, de federale regering en de spoorwegen. Wat de kosten rond het jaar 1990 uiteindelijk zullen bedragen, is niet bekend,

omdat het nog niet bekend is wat de verbeteringen in het vervoersysteem in het Westen zullen doen om de onkosten naar beneden te brengen.

De spoorwegen en de regering zullen over de komende 10 jaar een maximum van \$16 biljoen uitgeven aan een modernisering programma. Zowel de capaciteit als de productiviteit van het spoorwegnet zullen worden vergroot, zodat het mogelijk zal zijn om grotere hoeveelheden producten uit het Westen - voornamelijk graan, potas, steenkool, houtproducten, mineralen - sneller en meer efficient te vervoeren.

De twee transcontinentale spoorlijnen zijn al begonnen met het aanleggen van dubbele rails langs de routes in het

Westen. Over het algemeen waren dit lijnen met een enkel spoor, en zo nu en dan zijkanten. Vrachttreinen werden op een zijkant gezet als er passagierstreinen langs moesten, en zo werd het vrachtvervoer vertraagd.

Voorlopig zegt de regering dat haar aandeel in de onkosten van de opheffing van het Crow-tarief meer dan \$600 miljoen zal bedragen. Het aandeel van de boeren zal omhoog gaan van 20 procent van de vervoerskosten tot 30 procent in 1985-86, wanneer het nieuwe tarief zal worden herzien. Dat zou de kosten opvoeren tot, ruwweg, 25 cent per schepel. Rond 1990 zullen de boeren een nog groter deel moeten betalen. Maar dat komt later pas.



Uit Nederland

□ Naar aanleiding van vragen in de Tweede Kamer heeft de Haagse politie verklaard dat haar narcotica brigade het zo druk heeft met de bestrijding van de handel in hard drugs, dat zij geen tijd heeft om in actie te komen tegen een postorderbedrijf dat soft drugs, zoals hasj en marihuana, levert aan particulieren. Het bedrijf stort zich niet aan de opiumwet en adverteert openlijk in dagbladen onder de naam, Blow easy soft express.

□ In Nederland gaat de afzonderlijke militaire rechtspraak in de toekomst verdwijnen. Militairen die een overtreding of een misdrijf hebben begaan zullen voor een normale rechtbank moeten verschijnen. De regering heeft hierover een wetsontwerp bij

de Tweede Kamer ingediend. De gewone en de militaire rechtspraak worden hierin samengevoegd wat de nu nog bestaande Krijgsraden overbodig maakt.

□ Op een bijeenkomst in Sneek hebben de veertig schippers die meedoen aan het skûtsjesilen eenstemmig besloten politici te weren als zij hun sport beoefenen. Vorig jaar vond dit Friese evenement namelijk plaats vlak voor de kamerverkiezingen. Leidende politici voelden zich toen geroepen om hun belangstelling voor het skûtsjesilen te tonen, meestentijds als fotografen of televisiecamera's aanwezig waren. De schippers voelen er niets meer voor om onderdeel te worden van zo geheten werkbezoeken.

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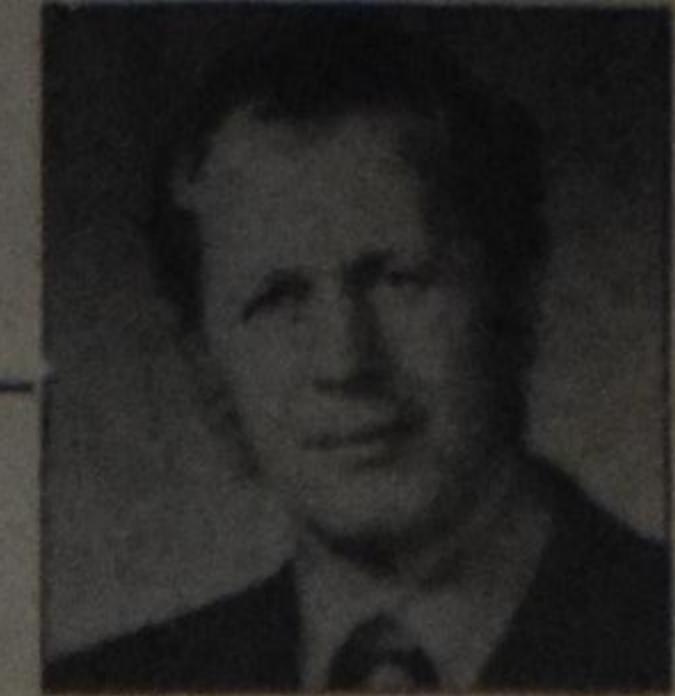
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Dutch

Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl



De democratie stond als een ont-eerde maagd op straat in Canada. Zij werd publieklijk verkracht in Quebec waar spiritusdrinkers en jongetjes, nog niet droog achter de oren, stemden voor afgevaardigden naar het partijcongres dat in juni gehouden zal worden. Er wordt hevig geschermteld om de 212 Quebec stemmen en de organisaties van de kandidaten lappen de eerbaarheid aan hun laarzen. Het werd de stoere Friese voorzitter van de partij, Peter Elzinga, te machtig, en hij riep de kandidaten bijeen, naar ik hoop om hen een lesje te lezen in de elementaire beginselen van de democratie. Of hij succes gehad heeft staat te bewijfelen. Mensen die zo laag zakken zijn volgens mij niet bereikbaar meer.

In Alberta, die provincie met dat lekkere olie-spaarpotje gaat het per oktober \$20 per dag kosten om in het ziekenhuis verpleegd te worden. Dat zijn dan kosten boven de normale verzekering. En het zal de inwoners van die provincie geen cent besparen om hier in Ontario hun blinde darm te laten verwijderen want een hele hoop doktoren hier hebben maling aan ons verzekerings-systeem en schrijven hun rekeningen ongeacht het betalingsstelsel van de verzekering. De Minister voor Volksgezondheid, onze rondborstige Monique Begin, is er woedend van. Ze staat op het punt om een wetsontwerp in te dienen waarbij alle rekeningen, die het schema van de

verzekering te boven gaan, onwettig zouden worden. Die dame heeft haar hart wel op de goede plaats, maar ik hoop toch niet dat het weer in een confrontatie met de heren doktoren zal aflopen. De honoraria van de provinciale verzekeringen zijn inderdaad een beetje uit de tijd geraakt en achterhaald door de inflatie. Het systeem wordt natuurlijk ook bovenmate belast door mensen die voor elk wissewasje naar de doktor lopen. Je kunt per slot van rekening ook wel asperientjes kopen zonder mediese konsultatie, niet waar?

In Saskatchewan werd de nieuwe begroting ingediend. De balans klopte precies al zij het dan met een tekort van 317 miljoen. Werkverschaffing is het wachttwoord en er werd berekend dat die 317 miljoen 12000 nieuwe banen zou scheppen. Moet ik nog zien! Mijn ervaring is dat er heel wat aan de strijkstok blijft hangen. En er is natuurlijk altijd baas boven baas. In de Kamer werd een wetsontwerp, dat de regering volmacht gaf om 19 biljoen te lenen, er even door gerammd als of het over achterlichtjes voor de fietsen ging. De nieuwe begroting zal in Ottawa op 19 april ingediend worden en er wordt een tekort van 30 biljoen voorspeld. U weet wel hoe dat gaat. Een biljoen hier en een ander biljoentje daar. Toe maar! 't Lijkt wel of het knikkers zijn!

De opstanding van Christus werd herdacht en gevierd in de kerken. De Paasvakantie werd ook

benut door het demonstreren tegen kernbewapening. Vooral in Europa waren er honderdduizenden op de been. Reagan kwam weer met een nieuw voorstel uit de bus. Maar er werd onmiddellijk vanuit Moskou scherp afwijzend tegen gereageerd. Dat was natuurlijk te verwachten. De onenighed zit 'm in wat meetelt en wat niet meetelt. De Amerikanen tellen de rakketten aan Rusland's oostelijke grens mee en niet de rakketten op de westerse onderzeeërs en vliegtuigen. De Russen tellen weeranders.

Daar zal nog wel weer eens een paar jaar lang babbeltje over moeten worden opgezet, allemaal met goed eten en drinken natuurlijk. Maar wat mij opviel is dat de Russische Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken het woord deed. Die Gromyko schijnt nogal wat in de melk te brokkelen te hebben daar in het Kremlin. Enfin, er werd nog steeds gepraat, en alhoewel dat gepraat in de Jordaan waarschijnlijk anders betiteld zou worden, er is toch nog overleg.

In Zuid Afrika wordt er voorzichtigjes gepraat over de rassenkwestie. Er worden, in heel bedekte termen natuurlijk, zelfs mogelijkheden geopperd over deelname van de gekleurde bevolking in het demokraties proces. Hou je hart vast! De regering gaat (misschien) een stemming houden over de vraag of de inheemse bevolking op een bescheiden manier deel zou kunnen nemen in de regering. Wie mag stemmen? Alleen de

4.5 miljoen blanke bevolking natuurlijk! Leuk trucje, hè?

Er was een verschrikkelijke aarding in Columbia. Duizenden kwamen om het leven en veel meer werden dakloos. Mijn hart werd verwarmd door het feit dat hulpverlening van alle landen toestroomde. Ik hoop dat de C.R.W.R.C. paraat was. Van Canadese zijde werden er onmiddellijk noodwoningen verschaft.

In Frankrijk werd een publiek opinie-onderzoek gedaan naar de inhoud en betekenis van het woord "zonde" onder de bevolking. Er werden duizend mensen gepoest en niet meer dan vier procent kende het begrip "zonde" nog. En dat is volgens mij tekenend voor veel van de zogenaamde West-europese beschaving. Waar zonde een vergissing wordt, wordt het kruis van Christus natuurlijk onzin.

Mijn kleinzoon gapte gisteren een stukje chocolade uit het schaaltje en zijn moeder onderhield hem over het onwetmatige van zijn daad. Waar onwetmatigheid verdwijnt, verwijnt ook het zondebegrip. En tussen twee haakjes, Katrientje trakteerde me op Paasmorgen op een zonnige glimlach. De eerste! Zoets mag wel vermeld worden, nietwaar? Ze groeit als kool, en haar glimlach is een zonnestraal. Net als haar grootmoeder, als die lacht lachen de engelen in de hemel mee. Dat denk ik tenminste!

Verschil in standaarden hindert Europese eenheid

Radio Nederland - De Europese Gemeenschap houdt zich bezig met nogal wat activiteiten. Maar in eerste instantie is ze toch een "euromarkt": een gemeenschap van landen die hun onderlinge tariefmuren willen afschaffen, die een vrij verkeer willen van personen, diensten en kapitaal en die een gezamenlijke handelsspolitiek nastreven ten opzichte van andere landen.

Door alle andere taken die de EG op zich heeft genomen, dreigt deze oorspronkelijke opzet wel eens uit het oog te worden verloren. De Europese commissaris Frans Andriessen waarschuwt onlangs dat deze interne markt zelfs dreigt uiteen te vallen door een toenemende neiging tot protectionisme.

In regeringskringen maakt men zich hierover blijkbaar ook zorgen.

Op de jongste bijeenkomst van EG-regeringsleiders die in december in Kopenhagen werd gehouden, kreeg de nieuwe EG-voorzitter, West-Duitsland, opdracht hieraan de nodige aandacht te besteden. De Westduitsers besloten er drie ministerraadsvergaderingen aan te wijden, waarvan de eerste nu in februari is gehouden. De beide andere volgen deze

maand, zodat de conclusies klaar liggen als de regeringsleiders opnieuw bijeenkomen, eind maart in Brussel.

De voorlopige opzet is eerst maar eens zien af te komen van

het grote aantal normen en standaarden die de verschillende EG-landen er nog op nahouden, en die te vervangen door een Europese standaard. De huidige situatie

wordt beschouwd als een van de grootste hindernissen op de weg naar een werkelijke Europese eenheid. Ze is bovendien de oorzaak van niet alleen een hoop oponthoud

aan de grenzen, maar ook van een hoop onkosten. Het Europees parlement heeft onlangs berekend dat hier mee jaarlijks twaalf miljard dollar over de balk gaat.

Uit Nederland

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□ De politie en de fiscale opsporingsdienst hebben invallen gedaan in het hoofdkantoor van Slavenburg's bank in Rotterdam en in enkele bij-kantoren. Er werden dozen vol met administratieve bescheiden in beslag genomen. De bank wordt ervan verdacht medewerking te hebben verleend aan transacties met zwart geld. Clienten zouden in de gelegenheid zijn gesteld om rekeningen te openen onder een valsnaam.

Volgens de Rotterdamse officier van justitie kan de administratie het nodige bewijsmateriaal opleveren. Slavenburg's bank is de afgelopen maanden al eerder in opspraak geweest. Eind vorige jaar werden in Amsterdam drie topmannen van de bank gearresteerd op verdenking van valsheid in geschrifte.

□ Als de verborgen werk-

loosheid wordt meegeteld, heeft Nederland het hoogste werkloosheidspercentage van de geïndustrialiseerde landen. Er moet dit jaar worden berekend op een stijging tot boven de 15 procent. Dit staat in het jaarrapport over Nederland van DEOESO, de organisatie voor economische samenwerking en ontwikkeling, waarbij 24 westerse industrielanden zijn aangesloten.

□ De Nederlandse export van militair materieel is in waarde gestegen van 534 miljoen gulden in 1976 tot 1,4 miljard in 1981. Van deze 1,4 miljard gulden export is voor 500 miljoen geleverd aan niet-leden van de NATO, meest geïndustrialiseerde staten.

□ De politie van Rotterdam heeft de directeur en de bedrijfsleider van een schoonmaakbedrijf uit het Botlekgebied gearresteerd, in eerste instantie op verdenking van

oplichting. Maar nu wordt ook vermoed dat het bedrijf al jaren lang chemisch afval heeft geloosd in de Oude Maas, in riolen en in sloten. Uit de administratie van de onderneming is gebleken dat alleen al over 1980 en 81 zeker 28-duizend ton chemisch afval is zoekgeraakt.

□ Nederlandse kranten staan momenteel vol met interviews met acteurs en actrices die meespelen in de televisieserie Willem van Oranje, een monsterproductie van AVRO, Veronica en de vlaamse BRT. Verleden week zijn de opnamen voor de serie van start gegaan. Een gigantisch werk, waarvoor regisseur en scriptschrijver Walter van der Kamp zich geplaatszt ziet.

Hoofdrolspeler Jeroen Krabbe wordt bijgestaan door zestig professionele acteurs en actrices en maar liefst 1400 figuranten.

De opnames vinden zoveel

mogelijk plaats op locaties zoals op de Grote Markt in Brussel, waar verleden week de graven van Egmond en Hoorn opnieuw zijn onthoofd, de Oude en Nieuwe Kerk in Delft en het Princenhof ook in Delft, waar de sluipmoord op Willem van Oranje zal worden gereconstrueerd.

Al met al wordt het een van de meest ambitieuze en met z'n 3 1/2 miljoen gulden ook een van de kostbaarste televisieproducties ooit in Nederland en België gemaakt. De serie wordt begin volgend jaar op de Nederlandse en Belgische televisie vertoond.

□ Het vorig jaar zijn bijna 123-duizend woningen gebouwd. Dat zijn er 5.000, of 4%, meer dan in 1981. Bijna driekwart van die nieuwe woningen is opgeleverd als huurwoning. In de provincie Noord-Holland is het meest gebouwd.

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Dan and Tessa Buwalda, 220 Vieuw Mountain Dr., Nepean, ON K2E 7M5.

DE GROOT: We praise our heavenly Father, who has blessed us abundantly in our forty years of married life. Special thanks to our relatives and friends who have shown us their love, in different ways, and made our anniversary such a special event.

Again with our children we thank you all!

John and Agnes De Groot, 1532 Murphy Rd., Sarnia, ON N7S 2Y9.

BIRTHS

DE VRIES: With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, the giver of all life, we, Jerry and Margaret, are happy to announce the birth of our son, DAVID KLAAS. Born April 4, 1983, at St. Joseph's Hospital, London; 13th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Berend Wagter Sr., of Dunnville, and 14th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Klaas De Vries of Drayton.

R.R.#2, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0.

ELLENS: We, John and Elsie (nee Boskers), praise and thank God, the giver of life, for the birth of our 2nd daughter, RHONDA COBY, born March 1, 1983. Rhonda is a sister for Kimberly. 24th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Boskers and 5th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ellens.

R.R.#3, Lacombe, AB T0C 1S0.

GUNTHER: LeRoy and Sharon thank God for the precious gift of their son CRAIG JUSTIN, 9 lbs. 14 oz., on April 1, 1983. A brother for Letitia. 12th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. C. Schuurman and 5th for Mr. and Mrs. J. Gunther.

R.R.#3, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0.

KINGMA: We, Bert and Diana, thank God, the creator of life, for entrusting in our care, a daughter, JENNIFER MICHELE, born March 30, 1983, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. A sister for Jeremy and Christopher. A grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bylsma, Ilderton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marten Kingma, Strathroy. 199 MacIntosh Dr., Stoney Creek, ON L8E 3Y1.

ROOKS: Jim and Arda Rooks thank the Lord for the gift of their daughter, LINNELL ANNE, born on March 20, 1983. Linnell is the first grandchild for Rev. and Mrs. G. Ringnald of Orillia, Ont., and 9th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. W. Rooks of Holland, Mich. 6 Esmond Cresc., Rexdale, ON M9W 3P8.

BIRTHS

SMIT: With much praise and thankfulness to God, we, Lucian and Christine (Vander Meulen), are proud to announce the safe arrival of our first child, a healthy daughter, NATALIE ANN, born March 21, 1983. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Smit, Wainfleet, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Vander Meulen, Belleville. Proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Colyn Sr., Vineland and Mrs. E. Roorda, Shalom Manor, Grimsby. Also welcomed by her aunts, uncles and cousins. R.R.#1, Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0.

VANDEBEEK: Bert and Cora are delighted and grateful to the Lord for the safe arrival of their first born child, MARIA CHRISTINA, born March 14, 1983. 28th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Jelle Zylstra of Brantford, Ont., and 6th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Herman VandeBeek of Aurora, Ont.

54 Centre St., Aurora, ON L4G 1J8.

VANDE VELDE: We thank the Lord for blessing us with another precious child, PAMELA JEWEL, born on March 13, 1983, to John and Hilde Vande Velde. A little sister for Suzannah, Karla, and Liza. And a new grandchild for Derk and Annie Vande Velde, and Cor and Jane Braam, all of Terrace, B.C.

3732 Seaton Ave., Terrace, BC.

VISSE: With thanks to God, the creator of life, Cor and Diane are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, AMANDA JOY. A sister for Michael, Brian, Angela, Matthew and David.

R.R.#1, Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0.

MARRIAGES

REKER-FEDDER: Mr. and Mrs. Karel Reker of Wainfleet, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fedder of Wainfleet, Ont., joyfully announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, FRANCES and PETER. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on Friday, April 15, 1983, at 4 p.m., in the Chr. Ref. Church, Forkes Rd., Welland. Rev. S. VanderMeer officiating.

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Wedding text: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

With great joy and thankfulness to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

GOSSE and MARYKE DOUMA (nee Kleiker)

With love and congratulations from your children:

Frank & Christina Douma — Lyn, Ont. Iep & Stella Poortinga — Harrietsville, Ont.

Hennie Douma — Athens, Ont. John Douma — Athens, Ont. Theresa Douma — Harrietsville, Ont.

and grandchildren:

Janet, Marilyn Douma

Randy, Monica, Diane Poortinga

The Lord willing, open house will be held on April 30, 1983, from 2:430 p.m. Location: Lion's Club Hall across from the Chr. Ref. Church in Athens, Ont.

Best wishes only.

Home address: R.R.#1, Athens, ON K0E 1B0.

ANNIVERSARIES

1943 May 4 1983
 With thankfulness to God, we announce the 40th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

AREN and JANET CASTELEIN (nee Smedes) and our aunt and uncle from Holland,

ANNE and RENSKE SMEDES (nee Castelein)

We pray that the Lord will continue to care for them.

Love from your children and grandchildren:

Antje & Jerry Veltman; Martin, Brenda, Charlie, Monica, Suzanne, Patricia — High River, Alta.

Hedzer Castelein; Mark, Corrina — Georgetown

Teresa & Tjisse Kalverda; Sheila, Jeffrey, Jonathan, David — Brampton

Alice Castelein — Mississauga

Abel Castelein — Hamilton

Open house will be held on May 7, 1983, from 2-4 p.m. in York Chr. Ref. Church, York, Ont.

Home address: Box #1495, Caledonia, ON N0A 1AO.

1958 April 18 1983

"Zo de Heere het huis niet bouwt, tevergeefs arbeiden zijn bouwlieden daaraan; zo de Heere de stad niet bewaart, tevergeefs waakt de wacher" (Psalm 127:1).

We are pleased to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

CORNELIS and MARTHA de BOER (nee van Veen)

May the Lord continue to bless them and grant them many more years together.

Love and congratulations from your children:

James

Marjorie

Stephen

Catherine

Open house will be held on Saturday, April 23, 1983, at the Maitland Golf and Country Club, Goderich, Ont.

Home address: R.R.#2, Clinton, ON N0M 1L0.

Wyoming Dunnville

1958 April 11 1983
 With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

IKE and MARIE DEKLERK (nee DeBoer)

We pray that God may continue to bless their life together and keep them under his constant care.

With love and congratulations from your children:

Jim & Nelly (fiancee)

Frances

Bill

Henry

Jeanette

Lisa

Michelle

Home address: R.R.#9, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W8.

1953 April 9 1983

It is with joy and gratitude to our God, that we celebrate with our parents,

BOB and NINKA HOVIUS (nee Storm)

their thirty years of married life.

May God continue to enrich your lives as you share them together, for many years to come.

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5c).

We love you Dad & Mother:

Jake

Jeannette & Andrew; Michael, Kristina

Sid & Elizabeth; Graham

Rob

ANNIVERSARIES

Emmen Edmonton
 1933 May 9 1983
 With joy and thankfulness to our Lord, we are happy to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

JOHANNES and JANTJE DEWACHT (nee Wesseling)

There's a blessing in just knowing that we're in the Master's care. That he's watching, guiding, loving and is with us everywhere!

May God continue to bless you and watch over you.

With love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

John DeWacht — Edmonton, Alta. Tena & Hank Bergman — Rosedale, BC

Frieda & Richard De Boer — Calgary, Alta.

Rolie & Jim Boer — Edmonton, Alta.

Joe & Pat De Wacht — Terrace, BC

Jane & Jim Mantel — Terrace, BC

23 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren.

Home address: 12115 - 137 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5L 4C1.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lisse London
 1938 May 4 1983
 "And Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding" (John 2:2).

The Lord has given us the privilege of celebrating with our parents and grandparents their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

PETER and SUZANNA DEKOTER (nee Imanse)

We thank God for keeping them in his special care for us all, and pray for his continued blessing in the years to come.

With much love from their children and grandchildren:

Larry & Willy DeKoter; Rodney, David, Kenneth — London, Ont.

Tony & Mary DeKoter; Sang, Jeffery, Susan, Janis — St. Thomas, Ont.

Case & Gremar VanWyk; Stephen, Christina, Rebecca — Nigeria

Open house will be held on Saturday, May 7, 1983, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at their home.

Best wishes only.
 Home address: 26 Duke St., London, Ont.

Dwingeloo Jarvis
 1933 1983

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his Holy name" (Psalm 103:1).

With great joy and thankfulness to God we hope to celebrate with our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents their 50th Wedding Anniversary, D.V., on April 28, 1983.

JOHAN and MARIA KARSTEN (nee Kiers)

May the Lord continue to bless and care for them.

With love and congratulations from your children:

Albert & Ann Van Benthem

Ralph & Wilma Karsten

Bill & Trudy Prinzen

Albert & Katie Karsten

John & Mary Karsten

Jerry & Grace Groen

grand and great-grandchildren.

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Best wishes only.
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Amsterdam Alliston
 1943 April 20 1983

With thankfulness to God for his

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OBITUARIES

In La Glace, Alta., the Lord took to himself, into eternal glory, our beloved brother, brother-in-law, and uncle,

JOHANNES VAN EERDEN

at the age of 58 years.

He will be missed by many, especially his wife, children, grandchildren and all of us.

John & Christien Te Linde: Van-Eerden

John & Christina Te Linde: Gussinklo Ed & Rich Te Linde — Calgary.

Suddenly, on Wednesday, March 23, 1983, the Lord took home our dear nephew,

JOHN WILLIAM JONKER

at the age of 31 years.

Dear husband of JoAnne Jonker (nee Lammers).

Dear father of:

Kristin

Reuben

Matthew

Lovingly remembered by grandmother: Mrs. J.G. Pennings

Aunts and uncles:

Henry Pennings

Bert & Thea Pennings

Dinie & Andy Hogeveen

Bill Pennings

Grace & John Smith

Gary & Corrie Pennings

Willy & John Paul

Henny & Bill Vander Schee

John & Virginia Pennings

and cousins

Psalm 103:15,16,17.

In memory of our friend,

JOHN JONKER

At a time

When robins had returned to us
And they were shocked by snow
and cold,

John's time with us was stopped.

Where would the robin get its food?

What would our comfort be?

God cares for all, He has control

And John is with the Lord.

The song John sings forevermore

He practiced here on earth.

J.B.

His friends:

John & Jane Breukelaar

Andy & Jean DeBeer

Gary & Cindy Hoekstra

On March 25, 1983, the Lord called home, after a lengthy battle with cancer, our dear husband, father, and opa,

WILLIAMS VAN ENGEN

at the age of 53.

Beloved husband of Ge Van Engen (nee Timmerman).

Dear father of:

Marty & Geri Van Engen; Michelle, Ryan

John

Janet

Audrey

Susan

Although we miss him greatly we rejoice that he has won and is in his eternal home.

Home address: 60 Purdy Cres., Hamilton, ON L9A 3B3.

"In my Father's house are many rooms" (John 14:2).

On March 25, 1983, the Lord took unto himself our brother, brother-in-law and uncle,

WILLEM (BILL) VAN ENGEN

at the age of 53.

May the Lord comfort and sustain his wife Ge Timmerman and children.

Sophie Gerritsen — Milton

Jenny & Mike Osinga — Brantford

Cor & Jopie Timmerman — Caistor Center

Henk & Ina Timmerman — Cambridge

Nephews and nieces

Sister, sisters and brothers-in-law in Holland.

OBITUARIES

"Death is swallowed up in Victory
O death, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?"
On Wednesday, March 16, 1983, the Lord called unto himself our dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather,

WOLTER VOS

in his 80th year.
Predeceased by his wife Geesje on March 13th, 1982.

Dear father of:
Henk & Corrie Vos — Belleville, Ont.

Jake & Grace Vos — Whitby, Ont.
Ada & Andy Veenstra — Whitby, Ont.

Tom & Johanna Vos — Bramalea, Ont.

Margaret & Bob Carnegie — Kingston, Ont.
18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday, March 18, 1983, in the Hebron Chr. Ref. Church of Whitby, Ont. Rev. de Haan officiated.

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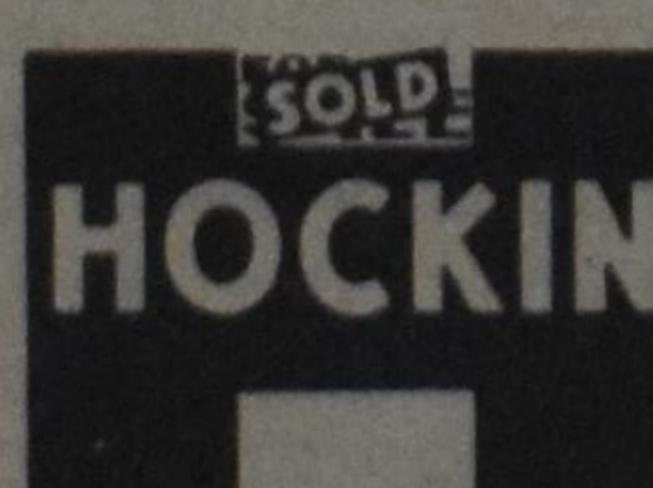
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BEAMSVILLE

My name is Dave Buys, I am 18 years old and I am looking for a summer job; will do anything; have experience with greenhouse work and a bit of experience with chickens; can do farming. Please call or write: Dave Buys, 13 Village Park Dr., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0; phone: (416) 563-7115.

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CAMBRIDGE: My name is Dave Timmerman and I am 18 years old. I am looking for a summer job and am willing to do anything. I have four summer's experience on dairy farms, I can milk and am also an experienced canoeist. Please write to Dave Timmerman, 61 Woodland Drive, Cambridge, ON N1R 2X7; or call: (519) 621-4502.

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CLINTON: Need job, will travel! I am a 21-year-old pre-seminary student - Dordt College; have experience in most forms of farming, including 1½ yrs. full-time on a farrow-to-finish hog farm. Please contact: Norman Visser at 284 8th Avenue, Sioux Center, IA 51250; phone: (712) 722-3866 or James Visser, GMB 304, R.R.#5, Clinton, QN N0M 1L0; phone: (519) 482-3537.

DRAYTON: I am a 22-year-old female enrolled in Conestoga College Materials Management Course; have experience as an office clerk, farmhand and in factory work; need a summer job to enter my 2nd year; am willing to do anything and available May 1 to Sept 1; also have a car. Janet Katerberg, R.R.#2, Alma, ON N0B 1A0; phone: (519) 638-2260.

DRAYTON: 17-year-old girl, high school graduate, (from Woodland Christian High) is looking for a summer job; experience in farming, housework, and will consider anything. Please call Bernice Rumph, (519) 638-2053, Drayton.

DRAYTON: 20-year-old second year Dordt College sociology student is looking for a summer job; experienced in housework, printing office, children's summer camp, and cafeteria work; available May 10, Please call Jacqueline Rumph, (519) 638-2053, Drayton.

DRAYTON: I'm a 16-year-old girl looking for summer employment; willing to do anything from mother's helper to working on a farm; references available. For more information contact: Darlene Borger at (519) 638-2066.

DRAYTON: 18-year-old high school student is looking for summer employment on a **dairy farm** or in any other kind of work; preferably within a 50 mile radius; grew up on a dairy farm and worked on a farm last summer by way of one of these ads. Cathy Visscher, (519) 638-2470.

DRAYTON/MOOREFIELD: 15-year-old girl looking for summer employment; would like a job as a **mother's helper** or **babysitter**. Please phone or write: Joyce VandenHazel, R.R.#2, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0; (519) 638-2936.

DRAYTON/MOOREFIELD: Enthusiastic 18-year-old girl is seeking summer employment; has experience in mother's helper, babysitting and farming but is willing to do anything; enjoys typing. Please call or write: Sylvia VandenHazel, R.R.#2, Moorefield, ON N0G 2K0; (519) 638-2936.

DUNNVILLE: 17-year-old, grade 12 student, looking for employment; has experience on a dairy farm and in greenhouses. Please contact: Joyce Zeldnerust, R.R.#1, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W1; phone: (416) 774-5290.

HAMILTON: 16-year-old girl looking for summer employment; preferably in Hamilton area but willing to live-in if necessary; have had much experience with children and housekeeping, but willing to learn anything new; references are available if required. Please call Marianne Hornsveld at (416) 383-0183 or write me at 1693 Upper Wellington, Hamilton, ON L9B 1P1.

HAMILTON: 16½-year-old girl looking for a summer job; willing to learn anything; experience in looking after children, and have worked in a bakery; will live in if necessary; references available, if required. Please call Patti Hagen (Hamilton), (416) 389-4856.

ONTARIO (Hamilton): 20-year-old university student, experienced in **dairy farming**, seeking employment on same, anywhere in Canada, from May-end of August. Phone: (416) 523-6315 and ask for Ray Bergstra, R.R.#1, Shallow Lake, ON N0H 2K0

HAMILTON: 20-year-old female student who has just completed first year at Redeemer College is seeking employment in the Hamilton and surrounding area; available for work May 1, 1983 to August 31, 1983; has experience in working in a grocery store as a cashier; in a bakery dept., and field work; vocational goals: major in Psychology/Social work. Call: (416) 634-6270 or after April 20th, (519) 683-2156 and ask for Marlene Luth.

HAMILTON: Hi! I'm an 18-year-old girl in need of summer employment; have waitress experience as well as work with children and in photography studio; including cash, filing, sales and assembly; love outdoors and am willing to learn; Hamilton and local area preferred; if you have an opening for someone like me, please call 528-9947, I'm Laura Elkin of 115 Stroud Rd., Hamilton, ON L8S 1Z8.

HAMILTON: I'm a 19-year-old, grade 12 student; would like to have a **live-in babysitting** job in the Hamilton-Ancaster area preferable or anywhere in Ontario; have experience in babysitting; babysat for two summers and occasionally on weekends during the school year. Please phone Karin. Karin Vandermeulen, (416) 679-6021 or write to 8341 White Church Rd., Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0; references available.

HAMILTON: 17-year-old looking for summer employment; have experience in looking after children, have worked in a greenhouse and have 3 years of typing in school; am willing to learn anything. Please call Melinda Vis at (416) 385-6938.

HAMILTON/CAMBRIDGE: 18-year-old girl, entering her sophomore year at Redeemer College, with experience in housecleaning, babysitting, greenhouse work, field work, filing and office work, wishes a job in the Hamilton or Cambridge area; references available if necessary. Call Sylvia Keesmaat at (416) 383-8289 or write 126 Stonechurch Rd. W., Hamilton, ON L9B 1A3.

HOLLAND CENTER: I am a 19-year-old male with previous work in a furniture factory and work as a farmhand on various farms; am looking for a summer job and willing to do almost anything on Mars (or Ontario if the opportunity arises). Contact: Sam Bootsma at (519) 794-2580 or write: R.R.#1, Holland Center, ON N0H 1R0.

HOLYROOD: 20-year-old, would like to find job working on a **fruit and vegetable farm** or in a **store**; have experience in both types of work; available in the middle of June, to as long as needed. Please write: Jeannette Duiker, R.R.#1, Holyrood, ON N0G 2B0, or call: (519) 395-2837.

JARVIS: 17-year-old would like a summer job in Ontario, **babysitting**; will also do housework; will live-in. Please call Brenda at (519) 587-4036.

KITCHENER: I am presently enrolled at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology as a 1st year student in the two-year Mental Retardation Counsellor Program. Practical experience; also have experience as a cake decorator and sales clerk. If interested, please contact Helen Lammers at (519) 745-4322 or send letter to 18 Wilkins Dr., Kitchener, ON N2E 1L2.

LONDON/TORONTO: Help! I am a Calvin College student in need of summer employment; have experience in sales, stockroom, and auto shop; willing to do anything; in London or Toronto areas. For more information call: (519) 453-6649 or write 77 Wexford Ave., London, ON N5V 1M1, Jeff Linker.

LUCKNOW: 18-year-old would like a summer job. I have experience babysitting and will also do secretarial work; can drive if needed; will also live-in. Please write to: Gwen Vandervelde, R.R.#3, Lucknow, ON N0G 2H0 or call: (519) 529-7465.

LUCKNOW: 17-year-old grade 12 student is looking for summer employment; will clean house, babysit, or do some form of gardening. Call (519) 529-7603 or write: Wilma Brink, R.R.#6, Goderich, ON N7A 3Y3.

NEWMARKET: 17-year-old student looking for a job on an Ontario **farm**; experienced in both livestock and vegetable farming; available mid-May. Please contact: Dean Adema, 407 Roywood Cresc., Newmarket, ON L3Y 1A9; phone: (416) 898-6352.

NIAGARA PENINSULA: I am a 16-year-old highschool girl, a student at Smithville Dist. Chr. Highschool; I am looking for a summer job anywhere in the Niagara Peninsula; am experienced in babysitting and house-cleaning and also willing to do other work. Call: (416) 386-6748 and ask for Sophia.

NIAGARA PENINSULA: Hard-working Redeemer College student looking for employment from April 25th to September 1st; willing to do all types of work; preferably in the Niagara Peninsula. Phone: 634-6270 weekdays and 386-0024 on weekends. Ask for Judy.

PETERBOROUGH: 17-year-old student, who has worked two summers on dairy farm, would like to work on **farm** again this summer; references can be obtained from former employer. John Vellekoop, R.R.#5, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X6; phone: 1-(705)-939-6796.

PORT COLBOURNE: Dairy farmers son, going into Grade 12, fully experienced, is looking for summer job anywhere in Canada. Call: (416) 834-4086.

PORT DOVER: 16-year-old male, has experience on a dairy farm. Would be interested in working on a **dairy farm** in Canada. Phone (519) 426-2813, Port Dover, Ont. and ask for Wayne.

PORT PERRY: 19-year-old girl looking for summer employment (anywhere in Ontario); willing to do anything from mother's helper to farm work, has experience in both and willing to learn anything new. Call Patricia Hoekstra at (416) 985-8097.

ST. THOMAS: Female, 16 (Grade 11) would like to babysit, clean houses, pick strawberries or almost anything else in or near St. Thomas, Ont. Please contact Yolanda Meyer at 631-6528, 340 Elm St., St. Thomas, ON N5R 1J8

SEAFORTH: 16-year-old girl looking for summer job; experience in babysitting, gardening, greenhouse work, housekeeping; willing to learn. For more information call: 527-0705 or write: Jane Van de Ban, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON N0K 1W0.

SELKIRK: 18-year-old dairy farmer's son eagerly seeks employment on a **farm**; available immediately, preference central Alberta. Contact Harry Oosterhoff, R.R.#1, phone: (416) 779-3940.

STRATHROY: 16-year-old student would like summer job on any **farm**; has some experience. Preferably in south western Ontario. Write: S. Dykstra, 211 E. Centre St., Strathroy, ON N7G 1T3.

ST. CATHARINES: Male student would like to work on a **farm** during the months of July and August this summer; willing to do all kinds of work and live in. Please call (416) 935-7242 or write: 74 Lakers Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 4C4 and ask for Ted Lesage.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO: I am interested in any type of summer work; have completed three years at Calvin College and am majoring in Sociology and Social work; references readily available. Please contact: Wilma Flikweert, c/o P.C. Flikweert, 43 Allen Street, Chatham, Ont., or call: 1-519-354-4625 (home); 1-616-245-8352 (college).

SOUTH/WESTERN ONTARIO: Mature, responsible, 19-year-old girl is seeking employment in South western Ontario as a nanny or housekeeper for a family with children; have practical experience as a housekeeper for families with infants and also of the elderly; can sew, plan and cook meals and am a very organized worker; am now a resident of Prince Edward Island but am looking forward to moving back to Ontario. I am available to start the first of July. This job may carry on into the fall. Miss Margaret DeVries, R.R.#3, Mt. Stewart, PEI COA 1T0; 1(902) 676-2630.

STONEY CREEK: I am a grade 11 student and would like a job as babysitter, mother's helper, greenhouse work or anything else available in the Stoney Creek-Hamilton area; have 3 years typing experience, and I am familiar with business procedures. Please call 662-2479 and ask for Debbie Vellenga.

THAMESFORD: 16-year-old boy looking for summer work; has some experience in poultry and pig farming; willing to work anywhere in South-Western Ont.; Grade 10 student. Write or call Ed Amsinga for more information. R.R.#4, Thamesford, Ont.; phone: (519) 285-5217.

THAMESFORD: 18-year-old high school graduate looking for summer employment in South-Western Ont.; experience in poultry, vegetable, fieldwork and babysitting; has driver's licence. Call or write Marcia Amsinga for more information. R.R.#4, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0; phone: (519) 285-5217.

THAMESFORD: Female, 17-year-old (grade 11) student, interested in a summer job; has had experience in babysitting, farm work, greenhouses and is willing to do anything. If you are interested in hiring please phone or write: Lori Bergsma, P.O. Box 158, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0; (519) 285-2047; references available.

TORONTO: Peter Van Egmond, Jr.; 4110 Garrowhill Trail, Mississauga, ON L4W 2H4; phone (416) 624-6967; Age: 18; Sex: Male; Level of education: completed first year college; work experience: Janitorial assistant; Educational Goals: to become a pastor; Location desired for employment: Toronto and surrounding areas (most preferably west end of Toronto).

TORONTO/WILLOWDALE: 18-year-old boy would like a job on a **farm** for the summer; experienced. Call Ed Griffioen at 221-5949.

TORONTO: 24-year-old female, hopefully entering teacher's college in September, would like a summer position in the Social Service Field (Toronto area); I have three years experience working with the retarded, Social Services Degree and BA in Psychology. Phone: Joanne, 845-4527.

TRENTON: Calvin College student, female, 18 years old, needs summer job to enter 2nd year college; previous experience includes bakery assistant, work with children, cleaning, and cottage industry; will take acceptable job anywhere; available after May 23. Sally Van Geest, 29 Manor Cres., Trenton, ON K8V 3Z6; phone (613) 394-2514.

WALLENSTEIN: Young man, 16, raised on dairy farm; willing to do any kind of work; available second week in June till end of August. Phone: (519) 638-2470.

WATERLOO/LUCKNOW: Young man, 20 years old, seeking position from May 1 to the Labour Day weekend; will work anywhere in Canada; looking for a business, clerical position; second year of university accounting, business statistics and computer programming experience. Write or call Adrian Korten, 55 Willow St., Waterloo, ON N2J 1V7; phone: (519) 395-5006.

WILLOWDALE: A Consumer and Community Service graduate and planning to take the senior year of Food Service Management in September. I am seeking summer employment in Food Service. Please call or write Rhea at 19 Bishop Ave., Willowdale, Ont., (416) 222-9352 before 9 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

WOODSTOCK: 17-year-old, grade 11 high school student is seeking employment for the summer months; willing to do most anything. Please call or write: Mark Eshuis, R.R.#1, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V6; phone: (519) 539-6946.

WOODSTOCK: Hello! I am a 16-year-old, grade 11 student, looking for a job this summer. I enjoy reading and writing and am willing to do just about anything. If you are interested in hiring me, please phone or write: Wilma Luth, R.R. #1, Burgessville, Ont. N0J 1C0, (519) 424-9316.

WYOMING: Ambitious, responsible 17-year-old male, grade 12 graduate with driver's licence seeking farm employment; preferably beef or dairy farm in South-western Ont.; lives on farrow-to-finish hog farm, experienced with hogs and cashcrops and eager to learn something new; available from about the third week in June until the end of August. James Korvemaker, c/o A. Korvemaker Farms Ltd., R.R.#3, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0; phone: 845-3823.

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WYOMING: 18-year-old, with experience on farrowing-to-finish pig farms and poultry farms, and some experience on dairy farm, is willing to work anywhere. David Verroen, R.R.#2, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0; phone: (519) 899-4435.

HELPWANTED

ST. GEORGE: Wanted - student on dairy farm; must be able to milk, can start end of May. Phone or write: Kryn VanderBerg, R.R.#2, St. George, ON N0E 1N0; phone: (519) 448-1512.

Manager: Anne Winter **(416) 224-5211**
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Time: 7:30 p.m.

May 14 Complimentary PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Timothy

Place: 28 Elmhurst Drive
Time: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Open house at the school till 12:00 noon

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Place: Thistletown Collegiate Institute
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Books

Religion

A Christian looks at reincarnation

Reincarnation: A Christian appraisal. Mark Albrecht, InterVarsity, 1982; pb., 132 pp., \$4.95 (U.S.). Rudy W. Ouwehand, Cobourg, ON.

Mark Albrecht was for four years Co-director of the Spiritual Counterfeits Project in Berkeley, California. This is an apologetics ministry that deals mainly with new religious move-

ments and with Eastern philosophy. The doctrine of re-incarnation, or the re-birth of the soul in different bodies, comes to us from the Eastern religions but is rapidly gaining popularity in the West.

In studying this doctrine, Albrecht discovered that 95% of the writings available on it were supportive of the doctrine. There were very few intellectually skep-

tical writings on the subject. Out of his concern and study comes this book, in which he comes to the conclusion that, "re-incarnation is a philosophic/religious system which is the direct antithesis of biblical revelation."

Albrecht begins with a careful study of the doctrine as it is found today both in the East and in our Western culture. What is being viewed with hopeful optimism in

the West has always been seen with fatalistic pessimism in the East. He also examines the evidence for "past-life recall" which is cited by proponents as "scientific" proof for this doctrine. In the final third of his book he presents philosophical, moral and theological objections.

Although interest in this doctrine among Christians seems a recent phenomenon, the author

shows that it is basically the old Gnosticism and Pantheism rejected by the early church which is again seeking to challenge Christian truth.

By contrasting the teachings of re-incarnation and Christianity Albrecht shows that this doctrine raises more hard questions than it can answer. The question of theodicy, meaning, the justice and fairness of God in the face of the world's evil, cannot be satisfactorily resolved by resorting to cycles of re-birth in which man eventually attains his own salvation. We must look to God's grace in Jesus Christ alone for a truly satisfactory answer to this question.

Albrecht has written a well organized and timely book which should be of interest to many Christians who are speculating about the validity of this pernicious doctrine. He gives us also a clear understanding of the poverty of Eastern religions and of the riches of Christianity in restoring sinful man to his proper relationship with God.

Humanism and Christianity

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What is Secular Humanism? James Hitchcock, Servant Books, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1982; pb., 168 pp., \$6.95 U.S. Theodore Plantinga, (Redeemer College), Dundas, ON

James Hitchcock is a Catholic historian at St. Louis University who is known especially for his attacks on the liberalism that is creeping into Catholic life and for his spirited defense of traditional family values. He writes regularly for the *New Orthodox Review* and is the author of an outstanding book on contemporary Catholicism entitled *Catholicism and Modernity: Confrontation or Capitulation?* published in 1979 by Seabury Press (McGraw-Hill Ryerson in Canada).

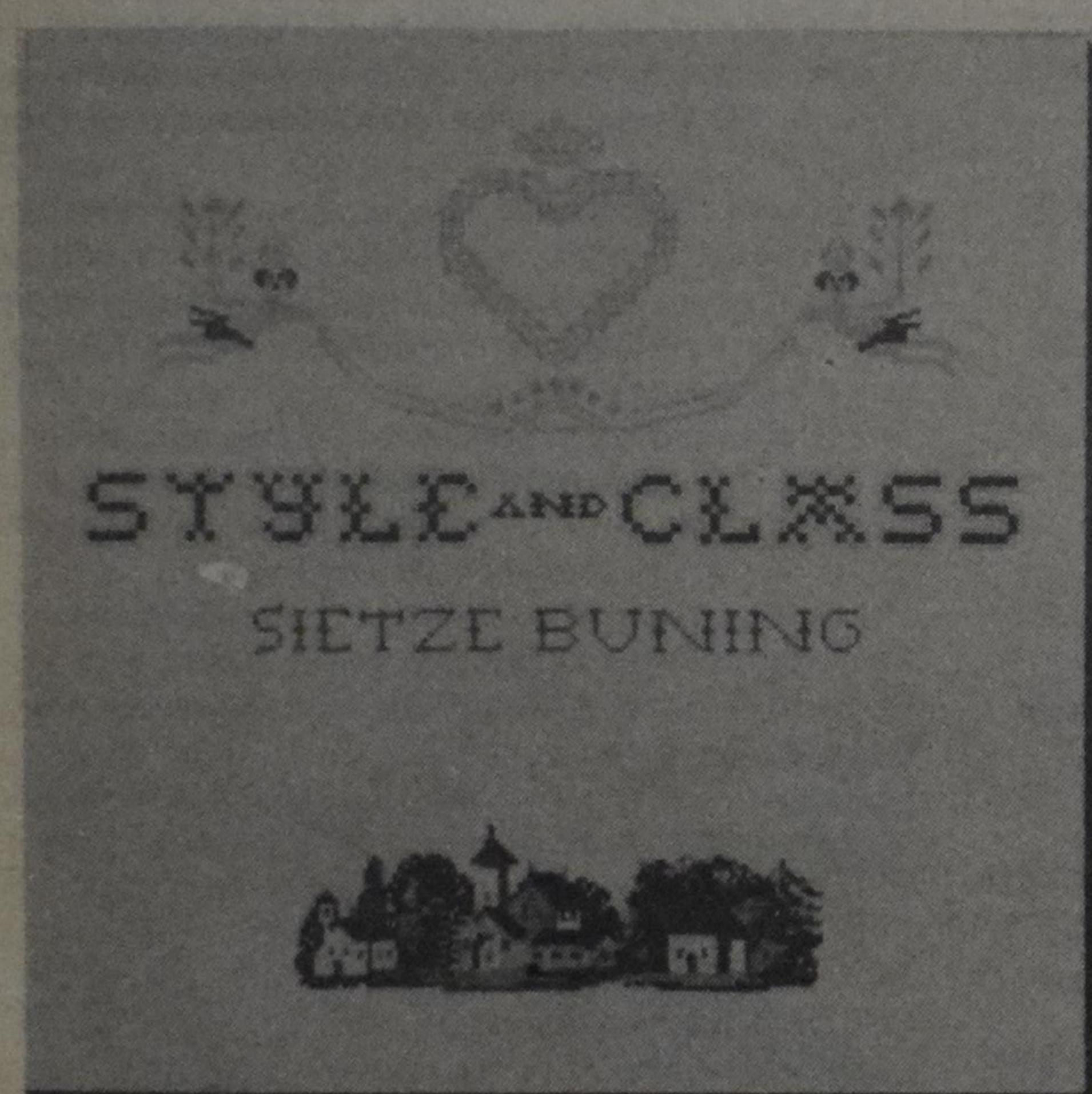
His most recent book here under review defines Humanism and sketches its development within western civilization. As one reads Hitchcock's account, it becomes apparent that he is indeed a Catholic and not a Calvinist; a Reformed philosophical perspective would call for a slightly different conception of Humanism than the one Hitchcock offers.

The best material in the book comes in some of the later chapters in which Hitchcock demonstrates how the secular outlook has invaded the churches, both Catholic and Protestant. Especially worthwhile are his chapters entitled "The Cult of Self-Worship" and "The Secularization of the Churches."

Hitchcock knows how to write simply and clearly; his book does not presuppose an education beyond high school. Highly recommended for church libraries.

CLERKS

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Literature

Middleburg, Canada

Style and Class, Sietze Buning, Middleburg Press (Box 166, 403 Third St., N.W., Orange City, Iowa 51041), 1982; pb., 128 pp.

Here is a book of poetry that looks at the essence of being a Christian in terms of the Reformed interpretation of what that means and how it came to expression in the lives of Dutch Americans in Iowa a number of decades ago. The material is written in retrospect but, according to one Iowan, is still an "uncanny" record of a way of life in the mid-western USA colonies.

How do you read a book which begins with a translation of Lord's Day 12 of the Heidelberg Catechism (1563), which deals with style and class and which uses as its cover design "motifs from Dutch cross-stitch samplers of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries?" Again and again with enjoyment. And you don't have to be a Dutch American to do so, although that would help. The book will certainly give "outsiders" too a closer look at what stirs in Dutch-Reformed minds.

It is not written in a style that one would call traditional poetry with rhyme and metre, but is written in a free form and reads easily.

Some of the poems are interesting reflections of historical incidents, but they generally all make an intended statement as well. The poem "Juliana," for example, mentions that someone on seeing the former Dutch queen, said a little too loudly that she had rather fat legs:

"She stopped in front of him,
smiled,
and said with arch playfulness;
'Mijnheer, daar moet het hele Oranjehuis op rusten.'
(Sir, these legs need to hold up the whole House of Orange.)
Everyone in earshot cheered.

"No question about it,
the old professor lacked style
but nobody minded
because Juliana had such class."

The poems do well when they are read as they have been, no doubt many times, by the author himself who is actually Dr. Stanley Wiersma, professor of English at Calvin College.

But the material in *Style and Class* also contains colourful description and interesting insights. Cats didn't just jump out of the bag when it was opened for an interested buyer in the "Sale-barns," rather, "three terrified cats fizzed out like rootbeer, white fur bristling."

Buning talks of Christians as prophets, priests and kings (and queens) and as those offices are embodied in officials also in terms of style and class with some play on the three words and offices. Fittingly some of the poems deal with queens Juliana and Wilhelmina who appear to have both style and class.

In one poem entitled "Election" Sietze tells of the time he was chosen as the one who had written a naughty word on the inside of the bathroom door: "elected but not guilty." His father had

found out the real culprit but he had also learned that Sietze had put tiddlywinks in the collection plate. About the mistrial: "'And now you know,' dad said, 'a very little bit about how Jesus felt being punished for sins he didn't do.' One would say the poem has overtones of sorts, bringing to mind Christ's redemptive work to set things straight. That sort of thing makes the material interesting reading.

What is style? "Style you imitate from friends or radio. ... You like my tie, you buy one like it." "But style is not required by the Catechism." And class? "But class you're born with or adopted into."

"You learn to do what's right
like it or not
or learn to like it.
When in the right you're royally indifferent
to being different.
You like what is best
whether the best is old or new -
that's class."

Every poem in the book is cause for personal reflection. Often there are double meanings which allow for rereading of the material. Buning's family farm, for example, is compared to "farming" or the education training at Dordt College. The third section of the book, entitled "A Tale of Two Towns," Sioux Center and Orange City, relates in detail many of the activities that take place there, but really indicates that the cities also fall into the style and class categories.

In case you need explanation of some of the terms and historical background to names and places given in *Style and Class*, you can refer to the "Glossary" where not only such words as "catechism," "consistory," and "huisbezoek" are given, but which also explains who Herman Hoeksema and Abraham Kuyper are and what it means to "Frisian." The note on Kuyper mentions, interestingly enough, that originally Kuyper's role for the establishing of parent-controlled schools was primarily for social change. And, on an 1898 visit to the USA mid-west, it was not in the CRC that the theologian/politician made the most appearances, but in the Reformed Church of America, which, adds Buning, "makes one wonder whether the polarization between RCA and CRC over Kuyper and Christians schools is not of recent date, and trivial."

Style and Class is dedicated to Henry and Mildred Zijlstra both former professors at Calvin College.

Interesting material Mr. Buning. But could you perhaps add a geographical/historical note on the Iowa settlements in your next work for audiences in other parts of the continent? Although as a Canadian I cannot catch all the nuances, culturally and literally, I heartily recommend your contribution north of the border.

Other books by the Middleburg Press

Purpalaenie and Other Permutations by Sietze Buning (also available on tape). An earlier book of poems equally as interesting as *Style and Class*. Some of the poems such as "Contour Plowing" may be of special interest to farmers commenting as it does on a Calvinistic view. Its appeal to everyone - not just farmers - is a focus on Calvinistic beliefs and how they do or do not come to expression in actions of Calvinists.

Letters from Occupied Japan by Henry Zijlstra, a former Calvin professor, deals with "Many fascinating and important subjects: conditions of postwar Japan, military life, cultural differences, love, loneliness, and faith. He discusses the matters with wit, intelligence and insight, "according to Calvin professor Richard J. Mouw."

Signs of a Promise by James C. Schaap is historical fiction which retells incidents from Dutch immigrant communities in Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Gripping stories of events that happened just south of the border but that took place north of it just as well.

Photography for Student Publications by Carl Vandermeulen is a handy paperback (8½x11) designed for student publications since the author, himself involved in organizing a number of such publications, could find nothing on the market geared directly to high school (and college) students needs. Every camera club ought to have copies on hand.

(Box 166, 403 Third St., N.W., Orange City, Iowa 51041).